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Lt. Col. Matthew Garrison talks about the drone program at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Fla., on Oct. 29.

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Amid sound and fury, some military bills likely to go nowhere

By Travis J. Tritten
Stars and Stripes

WASHINGTON — The current Congress, entering its final weeks, is on course to be one of the least productive in history.

The passage of new laws hit record lows during the 113th Congress, which spans the last two years. It was not for a lack of trying; about 1,600 bills related to the military were in-

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roduced, while only 48 were signed into law, according to a government database that tracks legislation.

A variety of military issues languished — suicide screenings, illegal immigrants in officer schools and toxic exposure. Some were sent to committees, where they quietly died. Others remained in play as lawmakers prepared for a harried last few weeks of legislating following the Thanksgiving break.

Historically, only about 5 percent of bills

pass into law, which has meant 300 to 600 new laws per Congress, said Josh Huder, a senior fellow with the Government Affairs Institute at Georgetown University in Washington.

But partisan wrangling and filibusters have dramatically reduced the number that ever make it to a vote, let alone become law. Only about 185 laws have been passed by this Congress, Huder said.

Those that pass often "aren't even good bills" because the parties are unwilling to

compromise on more complex issues, he said. There have been a lot of bills naming post offices.

The gridlock appears to be having another effect on the military legislation: Lawmakers are filing bills aimed at scoring political points, said Jerry Mayer, associate professor in the School of Policy, Government and International Affairs at George Mason University.

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QUOTE OF THE DAY

“We don’t know exactly how our weapons are going to work until we actually put it up against the bad guy, so we make these planes the bad guy. They make really good bad guys.”

— Michele Hafers, director of the Test and Training Division at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., on using old military planes as test targets

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Afghan security personnel carry a dead body into an ambulance at the site of a battle between Afghanistan’s security forces and Taliban fighters in Kabul on Saturday.

3 killed in Afghanistan attack were S. Africans

By RAHIM FAIEZ
The Associated Press

KABUL, Afghanistan — Taliban suicide attackers killed the South African leader of a foreign aid group, his son and daughter and an Afghan worker in an assault on the agency’s Kabul offices, authorities said Sunday, as the city’s police chief resigned in the wake of the latest insurgent attack there.

Police chief Gen. Mohammed Zahir told reporters before his resignation that the attack Saturday actually killed four people, raising the death toll in the assault near the Afghan parliament. He offered no other details about the victims and did not name the aid group.

However, a Redlands, Calif.-based group called Partnership in Academics and Development posted a notice on its website saying several of its staffers died during an attack Saturday in Kabul.

“We are caring for all staff and their families as they grievе the loss of their friends and co-workers and nurse the wounded,” the statement read. “Our thoughts are with the survivors and their families as they grievе the loss of life. Their selfless sacrifice for the people of Afghanistan is an inspiration to all.”

Saturday’s attack saw three Taliban militants launch an assault on the office, with one exploding a suicide bomb vest and the two others later killed in a shootout with police, authorities said.

Meanwhile, President Ashraf Ghani late Sunday signed into law security agreements with Washington and NATO that will keep around 12,000 troops in the country in 2015 after parliament approved them.

He condemned the recent attacks in Kabul and elsewhere as “unacceptable” and said the security parts marked “an important step forward in the development of our country.”

Analysts say the agreements likely are the reason for the escalated Taliban attacks.

Kabul police chief resigns

By CARLO MUNOZ
Stars and Stripes

KABUL, Afghanistan — Kabul’s police chief has resigned in the wake of several high-profile Taliban attacks targeting foreigners in the Afghan capital.

Police spokesman Hashmatullah Stanakzai confirmed that Gen. Mohammad Zahir’s resignation was accepted by the Interior Ministry on Sunday. Ministry officials had been aware of Zahir’s intentions to step down as Kabul police chief for more than a week, Stanakzai told Stars and Stripes after the announcement.

Citing government sources, local news reports said the administration of President Ashraf Ghani had forced Zahir to resign because of the recent spate of bloody Taliban attacks in the

capital. Stanakzai denied those reports.

“He didn’t want to carry out his job (anymore),” Stanakzai said.

Zahir was the target of an attempted suicide attack on Nov. 9, when a militant snuck into Kabul police headquarters

and blew himself up just outside Zahir’s third-floor office. That attack was the first of many launched by the Taliban across Kabul.

Zahir’s resignation came on

the same day Afghan police confirmed that foreigners were killed Saturday during an attack on a compound in the western part of the city.

Taliban spokesman Zabihullah Mujahid said his group carried out the attack.

Saturday’s strike was the latest to specifically target foreigners. On Thanksgiving Day, Taliban fighters hit a guesthouse in the upscale Wazir Akbar Khan neighborhood of Kabul. All four attackers were killed and no foreigners were hurt in the assault.

Earlier that day, a British Embassy employee and an Afghan national were killed by a Taliban car bomb in eastern Kabul.

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USFK 'juicy bar' ban has owners up in arms

Proprietors say policy unfairly treats taverns like brothels

By ASHLEY ROWLAND
AND YOO KYONG CHANG
Stars and Stripes

SEOUL, South Korea — A month-old U.S. Forces Korea policy banning servicemembers from buying drinks for "juicy bar" workers in exchange for companionship has angered some bar owners, who say it unfairly labels them as "pimps" and is hurting other establishments that cater to troops.

"It's nonsensical to treat us as if we are warehouses," said Yi Hun-hui, owner of the Cadillac Club near Camp Humphreys. Now, he said, some local bar owners are talking about going into a different line of work because they're angry at the military. "These were people who liked USFK. They were people who supported USFK, and now they're embarrassed."

Typically staffed by scantily clad women who sell pricey, nonalcoholic drinks to servicemembers in exchange for their company, juicy bars have long been a fixture outside a number of USFK installations. Many of those establishments have been linked to prostitution and human trafficking.

"[Bar girls] are subjected to debt bondage and made to sell themselves as companions, or forced into prostitution," USFK commander Gen. Curtis Scaparrotti wrote in October in a letter updating the command's policy on juicy bars.

In recent years, many of the women have been brought in from the Philippines on entertainers visas to work at the bars — usually under false pretenses — and forced to work in violation of their visas, according to Scaparrotti's letter.

For more than a decade, the military has maintained a zero-tolerance policy toward prostitution and human trafficking, but for the first time, the Oct. 15 letter banned servicemembers from buying drinks for workers in juicy bars. Troops are also banned from providing money or anything of value in exchange for a bar worker's company inside or outside the worker's place of employment, including fees to play darts or pool, or purchases of souvenirs. Violators are subject to Uniform Code of Military Justice punishment and administrative action and punishment.

USFK declined a request for an interview about the updated policy.

In an emailed statement, the command said leadership is publicizing the new policy through its



PHOTOS BY ARMANDO R. LIMON/Stars and Stripes

A South Korean protester displays a sign at the Songtan Entertainment District outside the main gate of Osan Air Base in June 2013. Approximately 200 people protested against the 51st Fighter Wing command's decision to declare some bars off-limits.

It's nonsensical to treat us as if we are warehouses.

Yi Hun-hui
owner of the Cadillac Club near Camp
Humphreys

chain of command and is relying on leaders "at all levels to enforce the policy using means appropriate to their organization."

USFK's enforcement of the policy includes routine joint patrols by military and security police. Commanders can place an establishment off-limits if it is deemed unsafe, condones prostitution and human trafficking or "otherwise operates in a manner prejudicial to good order and discipline," the statement said.

Efforts to curtail military patronage of juicy bars have varied across the peninsula in the past.

Last year, juicy bar owners in Songtan, the area outside Osan Air Base, acted against the Air Force's stepped-up efforts to put the bars off-limits by protesting for three weeks outside the base.

It appeared that there was no immediate plan for bar owners near USFK installations to protest the latest policy change. However, Yi said regional branches of the Korea Foreigners Tourist Facility Association plan to hold discussions about the policy and at some point deliver their opinions to USFK.



Protest banners hang at the Shinjang Shopping Mall outside the Osan Air Base main gate in June 2013 after the area had been placed off-limits for U.S. servicemembers for 18 hours per day.

The organization's Pyeongtaek branch already has asked for support from the city mayor and National Assembly members. It is collecting signatures on a petition from businesses, local citizens and civic groups throughout the city, he said. That petition will be sent to U.S. military officials on the peninsula later this month.

Yi, who employs seven Filipina women, said he ordered his female workers to wear jeans and T-shirts instead of skirts and low-cut tops after the Oct. 15 policy letter was issued.

"I did this so USFK would stop its narrow-minded view that our female employees are hookers," he said.

It was unclear how or whether the new policy was affecting business for other bar owners. Five claimed the policy change was driving down sales for others, though all of those interviewed denied that their own bars had been hurt by the ban.

Lee Deok Bum, said business hasn't dropped in recent weeks at Sportsman, his 15-year-old bar in Dongducheon, which employs five Filipina women, but he said he and other bar owners in the city are angry about the new USFK rule. He accused the U.S. military of judging South Korean bars by American cultural standards, not by what is acceptable in Korea.

Some bar owners have complained the new policy is unclear and appears to ban servicemembers from buying drinks for anyone, even friends. The policy letter, however, bans only buying drinks and other items for an "employee's company or companionship, inside or outside a bar or establishment."

An official at the Ministry of Gender Equality and Family said the ministry has received no complaints about the new policy from bar owners. The ministry began inspecting businesses that hire foreign entertainers, including some outside U.S. military bases, earlier this year in an effort to reduce human trafficking.

Seo In Ho, owner of Xanadu bar outside Osan Air Base, said most bar owners have interpreted the new policy to mean their USFK clientele can't buy drinks — even water — for anyone else. One of his friends, a male servicemember, now tells Seo that he can't even buy the bar owner a drink, and Seo said the ban on buying drinks for companionship is discouraging troops from going to bars at all.

He said all bar owners are being treated as if they are running brothels, and some women who work at bars are quitting because they feel like they're being treated as prostitutes.

"Our self-respect has been hurt," he said.

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MILITARY

Bills: Expert says some measures aimed at military not about policy

FROM FRONT PAGE

Many tap into important or hot-button issues for troops. Lawmakers may be unsuccessful but know they can always point to the proposals as proof they are working for military constituents.

"It is position-taking. It is not about policy," Mayer said. "It is about showing you love the military more than the other party does."

As the curtain comes down on the 113th Congress, Stars and Stripes pulled together a collection of the military bills that might have been or may still be:

Pay for movie cameos

S.1669, Military Equitable Reimbursement Act

Last action: November 2013, sent to Senate committee.

The "Transformers" movie franchise has grossed hundreds of billions of dollars. The U.S. military could have seen some of that money. The Air Force, the Army, the Navy and the Marines each supported the movies — treating it as a public relations bonanza — by offering up hundreds of servicemember extras, equipment including F-22 jets and Predator drones, and access to facilities such as Edwards Air Force Base in California and the Army's White Sands Missile Range in New Mexico.

So, who pays and who gets paid for the screen cameos? The military can be reimbursed for the movie productions but current laws make it uncertain whether it can keep the money for use of installations like White Sands. Sen. Martin Heinrich, D-N.M., proposed closing the loophole and getting the services paid.

"Clarifying the reimbursement policy for the film industry allows movie productions to realistically portray the skill, heroism, capability and challenges of our Armed Forces and their families while ensuring local installations are directly reimbursed for use of state-of-the-art facilities and equipment," Heinrich said in a written statement.

Academy immigrants

H.R. 4723, Opportunity for Military Academies and Readiness Act

Last action: June 2014, sent to House Armed Services subcommittee.

With immigration remaining a contentious issue, some lawmakers and the Pentagon worked around the perimeters of the issue to reform military policy toward



JASON CARTER/Stars and Stripes

Enviro-Tech's incinerator stands next to Atsugi Naval Air Facility. Beginning in 1985, a Japanese commercial waste incinerator pumped smoke over the adjacent facility near Tokyo. A bill in Congress would authorize studying the effects of the exposure on servicemembers.



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Actors Josh Duhamel, left, and Amaury Nolasco are seen in the movie "Transformers." Seeing a public relations opportunity, the military has offered up jets, drones, access to military facilities and hundreds of servicemembers as extras for "Transformers" movies but has never been reimbursed.

undocumented citizens. Rep. Joaquin Castro, D-Texas, introduced a bill that allows those who were brought here as children and are now authorized to work to be admitted to military academies and to become commissioned as officers.

The Republican leadership blocked a vote earlier this year on

whether to add Castro's measure to an annual defense bill. The rejection likely doomed the legislation during this Congress.

Mental health

H.R. 4305, Medical Evaluation Parity for Servicemembers Act

Last action: May 2014, added to the House version of the national

defense budget.

A Pennsylvania congressman has a proposal he said could stem the military's suicide epidemic and may even help prevent shooting rampages on bases. The bill introduced this year by Rep. Glenn Thompson, R-Pa., calls on the National Institutes of Health to create a universal mental health evaluation for potential recruits that would identify past suicide attempts as well as psychiatric disorders. The data could be used by the services to weed out candidates with potentially dangerous mental health issues.

"The MEPS Act enables the Pentagon to establish a baseline to properly track changes in servicemembers' behavioral health, by instituting a requirement that all incoming troops undergo a mental health assessment upon enlistment," Thompson said in a November floor speech.

The proposal won the votes need to be included in the House's version of the National Defense Authorization Act. But it is uncertain whether Thompson's proposal will make the cut as negotiators from both chambers of Congress work on a last-minute compromise defense budget

that will include elements of the House-passed NDAA.

The name says it all

H.R. 4632, If Our Military Has to Fly Coach Then So Should Congress Act

Last action: May 9, referred to a House committee.

The titles of bills are often descriptive of what is in them, but Rep. Paul Gosar, R-Ariz., managed to include a full political philosophy. When it was introduced in May, Gosar released a statement saying, "At a time of massive deficits and with a national debt in excess of \$17 trillion, members of Congress should not be using taxpayers' hard-earned money to buy luxury airline seats. If members of our military can't fly first class using taxpayer funds, neither should members of Congress."

The title appears to have some political motivations. The Washington Post reported that a co-sponsor, Rep. John Barrow, D-Ga., had been getting hammered in an election year for previously voting against a similar bill. It has remained stalled in committee for the past six months.

Toxic near Tokyo

H.R.4517, Examination of Exposures to Environmental Hazards during Military Service and Health Care for Atsugi Naval Air Facility Veterans and their Families Act

Last action: July 1, sent to House committee.

Beginning in 1985, a Japanese commercial waste incinerator pumped smoke over the adjacent Naval Air Facility Atsugi near Tokyo. The Shinkampo Incinerator Complex disposed of 90 tons of industrial and medical waste daily and raised such high concerns with the Navy that it pressed for it to be shut down in 2001.

The Department of Veterans Affairs warns that those stationed there might suffer a variety of illnesses, including an elevated lifetime risk of cancer.

Rep. Kurt Schrader, D-Ore., was approached by servicemembers in his district concerned about exposure. His bill would require the Defense Department and the Department of Veterans Affairs to create an advisory panel to study cases of exposure, to examine individual health claims, and to create a list of all the troops and family members who might have been exposed.

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MOVING TARGETS

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The first unmanned QF-16 Viper struck down over the Gulf of Mexico on Sept. 5 was part of a joint effort between the Test and Training Division at Eglin Air Force Base, Fla., and the 82nd Aerial Target Squadron at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Fla.

Air Force brings down old F-16s as part of testing, training program

BY LAUREN SAGE REINLIE
Panama City (Fla.) News Herald

TYNDALL AIR FORCE BASE, Fla. — Not a lot of people crash three planes in a day and call it a job well done.

Air Force Lt. Col. Matthew Garrison does.

Garrison heads up the only squadron in the Air Force that takes retired planes from the boneyard — essentially a junkyard for planes — and resurrects them as aerial targets used for weapons testing and training. It's a unique mission.

"They come to us, and we give them new life," Garrison said recently on a tour of one of his aircraft hangars at Tyndall Air Force Base in Panama City, Fla. "Then we go shoot them down and leave it on the bottom of the ocean."

Aerial targets and unmanned aircraft, often called drones by civilians, have a long history in Northwest Florida. In the late 1940s, the Air Force flew its first "null" missions at Eglin Air Force Base, taking rusty — but sturdy — World War II bombers and turning them into drones for target practice and weapons testing.

More than 60 years later, the program has hit its latest milestone — sending unmanned F-16 fighter jets soaring into the air. In October, Garrison's squadron, which is overseen by the program office at Eglin, completed the first test mission of what they call the QF-16, using a weapon to blow the aircraft to pieces over the Gulf of Mexico.

"I'm an F-16 guy, so it stinks to see one go down," Garrison said. "But it was also everything we've been working towards over the last few years."

The process of turning a plane into an unmanned aerial target starts in the desert.

That's where the military stores aircraft that are ready to be retired. From there, select F-4s and now F-16s are plucked from junk and flown to a Boeing facility in



Left: A life-size BQM-167 Air Force Subscale Aerial Target is displayed at Tyndall Air Force Base. Right: A QF-4 drone sits in a hangar at the Panama City, Fla., base.

Jacksonville, Fla.

Boeing modifies the jets for unmanned flight, putting in a new system and often hollowing out a lot of the old equipment. Operating systems are much smaller today and they often end up with extra room, Garrison said.

At that point, the planes are capable of flying as drones but can still be operated by pilots who fly them back to Tyndall for careful testing and use for support in other drone missions. Eventually, the airmen "hit the switch," as they say, and turn the planes into fully unmanned machines by removing ejection seats and putting in lighter, cheaper engines.

The planes will never again have a pilot in the cockpit. Their fate is sealed.

"They don't come back to us after that," Garrison said.

Walking through Garrison's hangar is a lot like touring an air history museum, though much less polished. The squadron has a fleet of resurrected F-4s, some from

Vietnam. Their F-16s have been to Desert Storm, Iraq and Afghanistan. The planes are bumped and bruised.

"See how old these are?" Garrison said. "We're not flying the newest of anything."

The mission is busy. They run one to two tests or trainings a week on average, sometimes up to six. It's also varied.

On a recent late morning, Garrison had already flown an F-16 to Jacksonville, been brought back to Tyndall by the squadron's E-9 transport plane and was now briefing pilots on the afternoon's test, which would use a smaller-scale drone, about 6 feet in length, to test a missile being flown in from Eglin.

Several of the squadron's boats already had been dispatched to the Gulf to set up the perimeter for the test area.

Drone pilots sit in a building across base from the hangar. During missions, they maneuver the empty planes through the sky over the Gulf, a small camera transmitting a limited view from the cockpit.

Garrison said the biggest challenge for flying the unmanned QF-16 is visibility.

"You lose your peripheral vision," he said. "It's hard to learn to place yourself in the sky without all that added visual information."

For the QF-16, the drone pilot controls are almost identical to what the pilot would find in the actual cockpit, though. Since the planes are created with newer electronic operating systems, they are easier to convert to unmanned



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capability and make for an easier transition for pilots.

By next June, the squadron at Tyndall will have replaced all its QF-4 drones with QF-16s. By the end of 2016, their detachment at Holloman Air Force Base in New Mexico will have made the same transition.

The QF-16s are faster, sleeker and more capable than the older planes, Garrison said, comparing the new model to a Porsche sports car and the QF-4s to vintage muscle cars.

"These drones will actively do maneuvers that represent, for example, what a Russian fighter aircraft or any adversary aircraft might do," said Michele Hafers, director of the test and training division at Eglin, which oversees the project.

"We don't know exactly how our weapons are going to work until we actually put it up against a bad guy, so we make these planes the bad guy," she said. "They make really good bad guys."

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Coalition airstrikes pound militants in Raqqa

The Associated Press

BEIRUT — U.S.-led coalition warplanes carried out as many as 30 airstrikes overnight against Islamic State militants in and around the group's de facto capital in northeastern Syria, activists said Sunday.

The Britain-based Syrian Observatory for Human Rights said the strikes targeted Islamic State group positions in the city of Raqqa as well as the Division 17 air base, which the militants seized earlier this year from government forces.

The monitoring group, which relies on a network of activists inside Syria, reported at least 30 coalition strikes in all. The Local Coordination Committees, an activist collective, also confirmed the airstrikes. Neither group had casualty figures.

There was no immediate confirmation from the U.S. military.

The American-led coalition began targeting Islamic State militants in Syria in September,

expanding an aerial campaign already hitting the extremist group in Iraq.

Many of the U.S. airstrikes in Syria have targeted Islamic State fighters who are attacking the predominantly Kurdish town of Kobani on the Turkish border.

The observatory said that at least 50 Islamic State militants were killed Saturday and early Sunday in clashes with Kurds and in coalition airstrikes. Eleven Kurdish fighters were also killed, according to the Observatory.

Idris Nassan, a Kurdish official from Kobani, said by telephone that tens of Islamic State militants were killed, but he did not have a concrete figure.

The Islamic State has been attacking Kobani since mid-September. The militants' offensive has bogged down, and the Syrian Kurds — backed by their Iraqi brethren with heavy weapons — appear to have seized the momentum and to have begun pushing the jihadis back.



JACK SIKKINA/AP

Kurdish People's Protection Unit soldiers walk among the rubble in Kobani, Syria.

Syrian rebels defend strategic southern crossroads

By NABIH BULOS
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Los Angeles Times

AMMAN, Jordan — Syrian government forces and rebels were waging a fierce battle Saturday for control of a strategic crossroads in a southern Syrian town, according to opposition activists and official accounts.

Fighters affiliated with the Southern Front, a Western-backed grouping of rebel factions, say they have pushed back government forces attempting to wrest control of Sheik Maskin, a rebel-held town in Daraa province about 50 miles south of Damascus, the capital and seat of power of beleaguered President Bashar Assad.

Syrian government forces have repeatedly thwarted rebels' efforts to secure a corridor from the south to Damascus for an eventual assault on the heavily defended capital.

Sheik Maskin, once home to 25,000 people, is considered pivotal because it is near major highways leading to Damascus, the Syrian border and other areas in the south.

The Syrian Media Organization, the media arm of the Southern Front rebels, reported last week that fighters "had repulsed Assad's forces who tried to advance on the town's northern neighborhood of the town of Sheik Maskin."

On Friday, Syrian state media said army units closing in on Sheik Maskin had advanced to within artillery range of the "terrorists," the Syrian government's term for anti-government rebels.

Opposition activists reported intensified government bombardment in and around Sheik Maskin and the arrival of battle-tested loyalist reinforcements.

Fighting along with U.S.-backed rebels were elements of the Nusra Front, the official al-Qaida affiliate in Syria.

In a Facebook posting, Nusra Front supporters reported "fierce battles" in the Sheik Maskin area. Earlier posts also eulogized a prominent Nusra Front commander, Abu Humam Jazrawi, who was killed in the fighting.

The Nusra Front's participation illustrates how Western-supported rebel groups often cooperate with the al-Qaida franchise, though both sides try to play down the extent of coordination. Recent clashes between the Nusra Front and U.S.-backed rebels in northwestern Syria do not appear to have broken the de facto alliance between the al-Qaida affiliate and Western-backed fighters in the south.

In August, Nusra Front fighters also spearheaded an assault that wrested control of the Quneitra

crossing between Syria and the Israeli-occupied Golan Heights.

A Southern Front spokesman confirmed the Nusra Front's presence in Sheik Maskin but maintained that only a small number of Nusra Front fighters had taken part. U.S.-backed insurgents in southern Syria insist they represent a model that, if provided with sufficient U.S. and other foreign support, could challenge Assad's power.

More than three years of punishing conflict have left a complex patchwork of rebel-held territory across Syria split among various factions, including many hardcore Islamists and warlords.

The Islamic State group, an al-Qaida breakaway faction, controls vast stretches of land in northern and eastern Syria and in neigh-

boring Iraq. But the group is not a major presence in the south, rebel commanders say.

The fractured state of the Syrian opposition has aided the government's slow but inexorable advance on a number of fronts, including the suburbs of Damascus, the central province of Homs and the northern city of Aleppo. But the opposition says it is stronger and better-organized in southern Syria, which has access to supplies and fighters entering Syria from neighboring Jordan, a major U.S. ally.

Jordan is also home to the Military Operations Center, an opposition logistics and supply hub in Amman staffed by a number of Western intelligence operatives, including CIA officers, according to opposition commanders.

The CIA has declined to comment. Sheik Maskin, along with the nearby towns of Nawa and Izra, is seen as key to controlling the southern-most approaches to Damascus.

Of the three towns, according to opposition accounts, only heavily fortified Izra remains firmly in government hands.

Yet the situation in Izra may also be tenuous for the Syrian army. A pro-government Facebook page, "Wounded Nawa," reported that rebels had advanced to within 3 miles of Izra, and warned of a possible collapse of government forces. The page's contents could not be independently verified.

Regardless, a direct rebel attack on Damascus from the south is a long way off. Any forces assaulting the capital would still have to contend with the Syrian army's 9th division, stationed near the town of Sanamany, 30 miles south of Damascus. The government has also deployed crack military units and elements of Hezbollah, the Lebanese militia, to defend the capital.

7 killed in 2 separate bombings in Baghdad

BAGHDAD — Iraqi officials say two separate bombings killed seven people in the capital, Baghdad.

Police officials said a bomb exploded Sunday near a small restaurant, killing four people and wounding nine others in northwestern Baghdad. A separate bomb blast near a wholesale fruit and grocery market killed three people and wounded 12 others in a southern Baghdad suburb.

Medical officials confirmed the casualties. All officials spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to brief the media.

Iraq sees near-daily bombings and other attacks, mainly targeting Shiite neighborhoods, security forces and Sunnis allied with the government. The attacks are often claimed by the Sunni extremist group the Islamic State.

Syrian air raids kill at least a dozen in south

BEIRUT — Syrian government aircraft targeted a southern town with a series of airstrikes Sunday, killing at least a dozen people including women and children, activists said.

The Local Coordination Committees activist collective and the Syrian Observatory for Human Rights both reported the strikes on Jasim, in the southern province of Daraa.

The Local Coordination Committees said the strikes were barrel bombs — large canisters packed with explosives and metal scraps — that cause massive damage on impact.

The Britain-based Observatory put the death toll at 19. The discrepancy in death tolls could not be immediately reconciled, but casualty figures frequently differ in Syria after such attacks.

From The Associated Press



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Fighters from the Syrian Free Army prepare to fire in March on the regime's army in Dael, less than 10 miles from the Jordanian border in Daraa province, Syria. Sheik Maskin, a rebel-held town in the same province, is currently the site of a fierce battle between the Western-backed Southern Front and Syrian army forces.

WAR ON TERRORISM

Pope, patriarch demand an end to persecutions

BY NICOLE WINFIELD
AND SUZAN FRASER
The Associated Press

ISTANBUL — Pope Francis and the spiritual leader of the world's Orthodox Christians demanded an end to the persecution of religious minorities in Syria and Iraq on Sunday and called for a "constructive dialogue" with Muslims, capping Francis' three-day visit to Turkey with a strong show of Christian unity in the face of suffering and violence.

Francis and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I issued a joint declaration urging leaders in the region to intensify assistance to victims of the Islamic State group, and especially to allow Christians who have had a presence in the region for 2,000 years to remain on their native lands.

"The terrible situation of Christians and all those who are suffering in the Middle East calls not only for our constant prayer but also for an appropriate response on the part of the international community," they wrote.

Francis issued a second appeal later when he met with about 100 Iraqi and Syrian refugee children, telling them that he wanted to share in their suffering, offer his consolation and give them hope.

I ask political leaders to always remember that the great majority of their people long for peace, even if at times they lack

the strength and will to demand it," he said. During the encounter, a young Iraqi girl told the pope of the suffering of Iraqi Christians forced to flee their homes.

Francis, who represents the 1.2-billion-strong Catholic Church, and Bartholomew, the spiritual leader of the world's 300 million Orthodox Christians, called for "constructive dialogue" with Islam "based on mutual respect and friendship."

"Inspired by common values and strengthened by genuine fraternal sentiments, Muslims and Christians are called to work together for the sake of justice, peace and respect for the dignity and rights of every person, especially in those regions where they once lived for centuries in peaceful coexistence and now tragically suffer together the horrors of war," they said.

Francis' outreach to Muslims in the Muslim nation, and his comments about the Islamic assault on Christians next door, took center stage during his brief visit. His prayer in Istanbul's Sultan Ahmet mosque was replayed again and again on Turkish television in a sign that his gesture was greatly appreciated.



THANASSIS STAVRAKIS/AP

Pope Francis, left, and Ecumenical Patriarch Bartholomew I hug each other after a holy liturgy at the Patriarchal Church of St. George in Istanbul on Sunday as Francis wrapped up his visit to Turkey.

on Christians next door, took center stage during his brief visit. His prayer in Istanbul's Sultan Ahmet mosque was replayed again and again on Turkish television in a sign that his gesture was greatly appreciated.

It seemed that the message was reciprocated. The grand mufti of Istanbul, Rahmi Yaran, who received him at the mosque, said he hoped that Francis' visit would "contribute to the world getting along well and living in peace."

Francis kicked off his final day in Turkey with a lengthy, two-hour liturgy alongside Bartholomew in the Orthodox Church of St. George, where incense mingled with hypnotic chants and prayers on an important feast day for the

Orthodox Church.

The Catholic and Orthodox churches split in 1054 over differences on the primacy of the papacy, and there was a time when patriarchs had to kiss pope's feet.

The two churches have grown closer together in recent decades, such that at the end of a joint prayer service Saturday evening, Francis bowed to Bartholomew and asked for his blessing "for me and the Church of Rome," a remarkable display of papal deference to an Orthodox patriarch that underscored Francis' hope to end the schism.

In his remarks Sunday, Francis assured the Orthodox faithful gathered in St. George's that unity wouldn't mean sacrificing their

rich liturgical or cultural patrimony or "signify the submission of one to the other, or assimilation."

"I want to assure each one of you gathered here that, to reach the desired goal of full unity, the Catholic Church does not intend to impose any conditions except that of the shared profession of faith," he said.

The Vatican spokesman, the Rev. Federico Lombardi, acknowledged the novelty in Francis' message. While experts from both churches continue to debate theological divisions between them, Francis and Bartholomew are "pushing with incredible strength toward union" through their frequent and warm personal contacts, Lombardi said.

Saudis say about 12 percent in rehab return to terrorism

BY ADAM TAYLOR
The Washington Post

It's often argued that the people who commit acts of terrorism are troubled and vulnerable individuals. In Saudi Arabia, the government takes that thinking further. In 2004, it set up a high-profile "rehabilitation" system for terrorists which sought to deradicalize them through religious education and psychological counseling.

The goal is for those people to re-enter mainstream society. Sometimes, however, they do not. Last week, Maj. Gen. Mansour al-Turki, a spokesperson for the Interior Ministry, told reporters that some 12 percent of people who had been involved in the rehabilitation programs had relapsed and returned to activities related to terrorism, according to Arab News.

Al-Turki said the country's Mohammed Bin Naif Counseling and Care Center is now looking into ways to lower that number,

although the government still felt that the program was overall a success. "Without the program, thousands of those who were released would have been exploited by terrorist organizations," he said.

Saudi Arabia isn't the first country to try and rehabilitate terrorists. Its program followed earlier versions implemented in Singapore and Yemen.

However, its well-financed system soon earned the plaudits of the international community. In 2008, British Prime Minister Gordon Brown shook the hands of two former al-Qaida members who were in the program, and the United States looked to it as a model for Iraq and Saudi Arabia.

As the Council of Foreign Relations has noted, part of the initial hype around the Saudi system was a self-proclaimed 100 percent success rate. However, it soon became apparent that wasn't accurate. In 2009 it emerged that a number of former prisoners at

the U.S. detention center in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, that were sent to Saudi Arabia to take part in rehabilitation programs, had ended up taking senior positions in al-Qaida in the Islamic Maghreb.

Studies into the effectiveness of programs like Saudi Arabia's have found success hard to measure, and some, such as a 2010 study by Rand Corp., have argued that rates of "relapse" may be misleading.

It's become an especially pertinent question recently. Although Saudi Arabia formed its program after an upsurge in al-Qaida-related domestic terrorism, in 2014 hundreds of Saudi citizens have gone to fight with an organization many perceive as even worse — the Islamic State. There are deep fears about what those people will do if and when they come home — the Sunni extremist group was recently linked to an attack on a Shiite village that left eight people dead, for example — which has already prompted an expan-

sion of the rehabilitation scheme. It's not just an issue for Saudi Arabia. Thousands of people have traveled to Syria to be "foreign fighters" for extremist groups, and many Western countries are unsure how to respond to these people when they return home.

Denmark, for instance, has adopted a "soft" approach, offering returning fighters counseling and help with their careers. In contrast, countries such as Britain and Canada are now aim-

ing to take away the passports of people who travel to fight with extremists.

It's unlikely that any one system will be fully perfect. Saudi Arabia's 12 percent rate compares well to relapse rates for drug addiction and recidivism rates for U.S. criminals (though those comparisons may be as different as they are alike). "No rehabilitation program could be 100 percent successful," al-Turki said.

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NATION

Officer who shot Brown resigns

By ALAN SCHER ZAGIER
The Associated Press

FERGUSON, Mo. — Ferguson officials planned to address the resignation of a white police officer who fatally shot Michael Brown, 18, a black resident of the St. Louis suburb whose parents on Sunday prepared to attend a church service where civil rights activist the Rev. Al Sharpton was scheduled to preach.

Last Monday night, prosecutors announced that a grand jury declined to indict Officer Darren Wilson, stoking racial tensions that led to looting and violence in the predominantly black St. Louis suburb of 20,000 residents, while also leading to weeklong protests nationwide.

Wilson, who had been on administrative leave since the Aug. 9 shooting, resigned Saturday effective immediately, according to his lawyer, Neil Bruntrauer, who declined further comment. An attorney for Brown's family didn't immediately return messages seeking comment.

Wilson, who had been with the Ferguson Police Department for less than three years, told the St. Louis Post-Dispatch he decided to step down after the department told him it had received threats of violence if he remained on the force.

"I'm not willing to let someone else get hurt because of me," Wil-



A man kneels in the middle of a street and yells at police officers before being arrested Saturday night in Ferguson, Mo.

son told the newspaper Saturday. Stephanie Karr, city attorney for Ferguson, said last week that Wilson had been on paid leave pending the outcome of an internal police investigation.

"We were not after Wilson's job," Sharpton, who planned to preach Sunday at the St. Louis church where Brown's funeral was held, added later in a written statement. "We were after Michael Brown's justice."

On Saturday night, more than 100 protesters gathered near police headquarters, where they were outnumbered by officers, following the news. At least one person was arrested after a brief standoff with officers, while others

wearing white masks sat in a nearby street blocking traffic. Another protester burned an American flag.

By midnight, only about two dozen protesters remained.

But many seemed unfazed by the resignation. Several merely shrugged their shoulders when asked what they thought, while Rick Campbell flatly said he didn't care about the resignation, noting, "I've been protesting out here since August."

Brown was unarmed when Wilson fatally shot him in the middle of a Ferguson street, where his body was left for several hours as police investigated and angry onlookers gathered.

protesters," Rhodes said Saturday afternoon.

Rhodes, who said he is Mexican-American, stressed that Oath Keepers is not anti-government. He said that the group volunteers pulling rooftop security in Ferguson were current or former government employees and first responders, many of whom have intense military, police and EMS training.

"But when Monday rolled around, and they didn't park the National Guard at these businesses, that's when we said we have got to do something," Rhodes said. "Historically, the government almost always fails to protect people."

In the wake of Monday's grand jury announcement, Oath Keepers put out a national request to members to help in Ferguson. Volunteers showed up from Nebraska, Texas and Indiana.

Top court to hear former UPS driver's bias lawsuit

By MARK SHERMAN
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Peggy Young only has to look at her younger daughter to be reminded how long she has fought United Parcel Service over its treatment of pregnant employees, and why.

Young was pregnant with Trinity, now 7, when UPS told Young that she could not have a temporary assignment to avoid lifting heavy packages, as her doctor had ordered.

"They told me basically to go home and come back when I was no longer pregnant," Young said in an interview with The Associated Press. "I couldn't believe it."

She sued the Atlanta-based package-delivery company for discriminating against pregnant women. She lost two rounds in lower courts, but the Supreme Court will hear her case Wednesday.

Young, 42, of Lorton, Va., said her persistence is not only for herself. "I am fighting for my two daughters and I'm fighting for women who want to start a family and provide for the family at the same time," she said.

UPS spokeswoman Kara Gerhardt Ross said the law is on the company's side. "UPS did not intentionally discriminate," Ross said.

But the outcome could have wide-ranging effects.

Three-quarters of women entering the workforce today will become pregnant at least once while employed, and many will work throughout their pregnancies, employment discrimination expert Katherine Kimmel wrote in a court brief. Some will experience complications or physical effects that cause them to ask their employers for a change of duties or other modifications, Kimmel said.

Young's case hinges on the Pregnancy Discrimination Act, a law that Congress passed in 1978 specifically to include discrimination against pregnant women as a violation of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. Congress acted

after the Supreme Court, then composed entirely of men, said workplace rules that excluded pregnant workers from disability benefits and insurance coverage did not amount to sex discrimination under the landmark civil rights law.

The question in Young's case is whether UPS violated the law through its policy of providing temporary light-duty work only to employees who had on-the-job injuries, were disabled under federal law or lost their federal driver certification.

"If you were painting your house and fell off a ladder, or if you had a ski accident, that wouldn't qualify for restricted light duty. That's where pregnancy fell at that time. It was not covered in any state law except California's," Ross said.

UPS also notes in its court filings that the U.S. Postal Service, an independent agency that receives no tax dollars but is subject to congressional control, maintains an identical policy when it comes to pregnant workers. The postal service declined comment.

The Obama administration and 120 congressional Democrats are supporting Young. The reason for the work limitation is less important than the company's decision to distinguish between pregnant and nonpregnant workers with similar restrictions on the work they can do, Young and the administration told the court.

An unusual array of liberal, conservative, labor and women's interest groups also has lined up behind Young.

Teen boy found hidden in Ga. home; father, others arrested

The Associated Press

JONESBORO, Ga. — Police found a 13-year-old boy hidden behind a false wall inside a home and arrested the boy's father and other people on Friday night but didn't see any sign of the boy.

The boy was visiting his father in 2010, and the father refused to return him to his mother, WSB-TV reported. Officers showed up at the home on Friday night but didn't see any sign of the boy.

They returned early Saturday and found the boy when he called his mother while officers were at the house. Clayton County Sgt. Kevin Hughes told the television station on Friday night. "While at the location during the

second call, the victim was able to establish phone contact with his mother, and she in turn passed on additional information to the officers on the scene," Hughes said. "The victim was found behind a false wall within the residence."

It wasn't immediately clear who asked police to go to the home to look for the boy and how long he had been kept behind the false wall. There were also unanswered questions Saturday about who has custody of the boy, Clayton County police Deputy Chief Mike Register told WSB-TV.

The boy was reunited with his mother Saturday but will likely stay in the custody of the Georgia Division of Family and Children Services, WSB-TV reported.

Mysterious Oath Keepers are shut down

By JESSE BOGAN
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

FERGUSON, Mo. — Following a night of arson fires and bashed storefronts that lit close to home, Greg Hildebrand stood naked Tuesday, drying off from a shower, when he noticed somebody on the rooftop.

"I opened the window and said, 'Hey, can I help you?'" said Hildebrand, a news site webmaster.

The man said he was security and would be up there at night with others to protect the pocket of second-story apartments and lower-level storefronts near the Ferguson Police Department. A deputy arrested a man close to home. Hildebrand said, but he wasn't clear exactly who "those guys" were or where they came from.

"We are going to go back as

Puzzled and alarmed protesters have wondered, too — some accusing the mysterious guards in military fatigues of being in the Ku Klux Klan.

In fact, they are volunteers affiliated with a 35,000-member national organization called Oath Keepers. Yale Law School graduate and libertarian Stewart Rhodes said by telephone from Montana that he founded the group in 2009 to protect constitutional rights, including those of protesters confronted by what he described as overly militarized police.

Police questioned group members early last week and allowed them to stay. But Saturday, after an inquiry by a reporter, St. Louis County Police officers ordered the Oath Keepers to leave the rooftops. Threatened with arrest for operating without a license, the volunteers argued but eventually left their positions early Saturday morning, Rhodes said.

NATION



MEL EVANS/AP

Sarah Single, of Charleston, S.C., with the Humane Society of the United States, stands immobilized in a human-sized "gestation crate" in front of the Statehouse in Trenton, N.J., on Oct. 27.

NJ's Christie vetoes politically charged pig crate proposal

By JILL COLVIN
The Associated Press

NEWARK, N.J. — Republican Gov. Chris Christie has vetoed a politically charged bill that would have banned the use of certain pig cages in his state, a move many observers see as aimed at appeasing Iowa voters ahead of a potential 2016 presidential run.

In a veto message issued Friday, Christie called the bill opposing gestation crates a "solution in search of a problem."

"It is a political movement masquerading as substantive policy," he said.

The crates, which are so small that pregnant pigs can't turn around in them, have been criticized by animal welfare activists as cruel. Pigs can spend years in them, and advocates say they don't want their use to spread.

The bill had overwhelming support from Republican and Democratic state lawmakers but would have had little to no impact in New Jersey, whose roughly 300 pig farms don't regularly use the crates.

But the crates are widespread in Iowa, which is home to millions of pigs and the nation's first presidential nominating caucuses. Christie has invested significant time building relationships in Iowa, campaigning on behalf of its Republican governor, Terry Branstad, who had urged him to squash the bill.

New Jersey state Sen. Raymond Lesniak, a Democrat and the bill's lead sponsor, expressed disappointment after the veto and accused Christie of "capitulating to political influences in a state thousands of miles away."

"Obviously, the governor is putting his personal political ambitions ahead of the humane treatment of animals," he said.

The fight over the legislation had become heated.

Animal welfare advocates launched a public relations blitz, complete with celebrity endorsements, and staged events at which activists stood inside cages. They also commissioned polls to show support for the ban in New Jersey and Iowa and said they flooded the governor's office with thousands of phone calls and emails.

The National Pork Producers Council, based in Washington, sent a lobbyist to New Jersey to try to scuttle the attempt. It was pleased with Christie's action.

"Gov. Christie recognized that it's the hog farmers not national animal rights groups who know best how to ensure the well-being of pregnant sows," Council spokesman Dave Warner said in an email.

The Humane Society of the United States' vice president of farm animal protection, Paul Shapiro, characterized Christie's decision as a "cynical political calculation."

Christie said it was the other way around. In his veto message, he urged lawmakers to stop "using their lawmaking authority to play politics with issues that don't exist in our State" and shilling for groups that "want to use the law making process as a political cudgel on issues outside our borders."

New Jersey is "at the vanguard of protecting domestic livestock from animal cruelty," he said.

Christie vetoed similar legislation last year, but advocates had hoped changes would address his concerns. Instead, Christie said he would leave state policy in the hands of the Board of Agriculture and the Department of Agriculture.

"I will rely on our in-state experts rather than the partisan politicians who sponsor this bill," he said.

Congress crams unfinished agenda into its final days

By ANDREW TAYLOR
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Like a student who waited until the night before a deadline, lawmakers resuming work Monday will try to cram two years of leftover business into two weeks, while also seeking to avoid a government shutdown.

Their to-do list includes keeping the government running into the new year, renewing expired tax breaks for individuals and businesses and approving a defense policy measure that has passed for more than 50 years in a row.

Also pending are President Barack Obama's requests for money to combat Islamic State militants, to battle Ebola and to deal with the influx of unaccompanied Central American children who have crossed into the U.S.

Among the lower-profile items on the agenda are renewing the government's terrorism risk insurance program and extending the ban on state and federal taxes on access to the Internet.

Obama's move to protect millions of immigrants from deportation proceedings and to make them eligible for work permits appears to have made it more difficult to navigate the must-do items through a Capitol where

cooperation already was in short supply.

The No. 1 item is preventing a government closure when a temporary funding measure expires Dec. 11. The House and Senate Appropriations committees are negotiating a \$1 trillion-plus spending bill for the budget year that began Oct. 1 and are promising to have it ready by the week of Dec. 8.

The tax-writing committees are trying to renew a bundle of expired tax breaks such as the deduction for state and local sales taxes and the research and experimentation credit. Some, like tax credits for renewable energy projects such as wind farms, are a hard sell for GOP conservatives, but eagerly sought by Midwestern Republicans such as Sen. Charles Grassley, of Iowa.

The House has passed legislation that would make several of the tax breaks permanent; the Senate's approval has been to extend them only for 2014 and 2015. Negotiators appeared to near an agreement last week only to have the White House put it on ice with a veto threat.

The president's authority to arm and train moderate Syrian rebels to fight Islamic State militants in Iraq and Syria expires Dec. 11. Lawmakers probably will renew it while postponing action until 2015 on a broader, new authoriza-

tion to use military force.

Obama also is requesting more than \$5 billion to pay for sending additional noncombat troops and munitions to Iraq and cover other military and intelligence costs associated with fighting the militants. He wants \$6.2 billion to tackle Ebola at its source in West Africa and to secure the U.S. against any possible outbreak. Also pending is a \$3.7 billion request to address the immigrant children.

Legislation to renew the government's terrorism risk insurance program, which expires at year's end, is eagerly sought by the construction, real estate and hospitality businesses. But negotiations between the chairman of the House Financial Service Committee, GOP Rep. Jeb Hensarling, of Texas, and Senate Democrats, including Charles Schumer, of New York, appear to have stalled.

The annual defense authorization bill has passed every year for more than five decades and the chairmen of the House and Senate Armed Services committees are eager to avoid breaking the streak. Rep. Howard "Buck" McKeon, R-Calif., and Sen. Carl Levin, D-Mich., are both retiring after long tenures in Congress. Negotiators remain at odds over the Pentagon's cost-saving proposals to trim military benefits.

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WORLD



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Protesters pull a cart carrying a symbolic coffin with words reading "I did not get room in the hospital" as they march in a street Sunday in Moscow.

Muscovites rally against planned health care cuts

By NATALIYA VASILYVA
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — At least 5,000 Russians marched through Moscow on Sunday to protest against plans to lay off thousands of doctors and to close hospitals in the capital amid a flagging economy.

Doctors, patients and other protesters braved the freezing cold to voice their opposition to an ongoing Moscow health care reform that could remove up to 10,000 doctors from their jobs and could close 28 hospitals and clinics by early next year.

The demonstration followed a previous doctors' rally early this month, which was the first social protest in Russia in a decade. The pressure on the country's budget has intensified as the economy is taking a hit from low oil prices, a drop in the value of the national currency and from Western sanctions over its role in the deadly conflict in eastern Ukraine.

Many of the protesters were

dressed in white coats over their winter jackets. Some carried banners with the names of the hospitals that are being closed.

"Save money on war, but not on doctors," one banner read.

Authorities defend the reform as a much-needed step to modernize a decrepit, Soviet-era health care system and to close down hospitals that are deemed inefficient. They also say it is a step toward implementing President Vladimir Putin's election pledge to increase doctors' salaries to twice that of the average employee by 2018.

Protesters lamented not only the cuts but also the secrecy that has surrounded the reform, the details of which became public following a leak to the press in October.

"We're here to show our solidarity," said Tatyana Korshunova, 69, who works at a research center. "Nobody explained anything to us; there was no discussion (of the reform)."

WHO will miss Ebola targets it set for Dec. 1

By MARIA CHENG
The Associated Press

LONDON — Two months ago, the World Health Organization launched an ambitious plan to stop the deadly Ebola outbreak in West Africa, aiming to isolate 70 percent of the sick and to safely bury 70 percent of the victims in the three hardest-hit countries — Guinea, Liberia and Sierra Leone — by Dec. 1.

Only Guinea is on track to meet the Monday goal, according to an update from the WHO.

In Liberia, only 23 percent of cases are isolated and 26 percent of the needed burial teams are in place. In Sierra Leone, about 40 percent of cases are isolated while 27 percent of burial teams are operational.

With the target date looming, it looks almost certain the WHO's goals will be missed, marking another failure in attempts to slow the biggest-ever outbreak of the deadly disease. The Ebola outbreak was first reported in Guinea in March and spiraled out of control after being declared a public health emergency in August.

WHO Dr. Bruce Aylward acknowledged in October that to reach the Dec. 1 goal would be "really pushing the system hard."

"If we don't do it in 60 days and we take 90 days, number one, a lot more people will die that shouldn't and, number two, we will need that much more capacity on the ground to be able to manage the caseload," said Ayl-

'There are still going to be many people who catch the disease and many people who die from it.'

Anthony Banbury
leader of U.N. Ebola response

ward, who is directing the WHO's Ebola response.

In recent weeks, there have been some successes in curbing Ebola; cases seem to be declining or stabilizing in Liberia and Guinea. But the area around Sierra Leone's capital and a district in the country's north are seeing a severe surge in cases.

The Dec. 1 targets have been met in many places — but not all, which was the goal, said Anthony Banbury, who is heading the U.N.'s Ebola response.

"There are still going to be many people who catch the disease and many people who die from it," Banbury said.

Even if the targets had been reached, the WHO and others had predicted Ebola would continue sickening people in West Africa and possibly elsewhere until sometime next year. As of Nov. 26, the WHO said there were nearly 16,000 cases of Ebola and 5,600 deaths, including all confirmed, suspected and probable cases.

Failing to reach the Dec. 1

target now suggests Ebola will spread even further as capacities to respond become more stretched, according to Oyewale Tomori, of Redeemer's University in Nigeria, who sits on the WHO's Emergency Ebola committee.

"We need to redouble our efforts to see what we can do to reduce the spread and catch up with the virus," he said. "Right now, it doesn't look good."

Other experts said the WHO goals were never very significant.

"You want to isolate 100 percent of patients with Ebola and have 100 percent safe burials," said Sebastian Funk, director of the Centre for the Mathematical Modelling of Infectious Diseases at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine. "Getting to 70 percent doesn't really mean a lot."

The ultimate goal of the WHO's plan is to isolate all Ebola patients and to provide safe burials for all by Jan. 1.

"We hope that what we're seeing in Liberia will continue but, unfortunately, what can happen with Ebola is that it can go to new countries, as it has already to Mali," warned Dr. David Heymann, an Ebola expert who previously worked for the WHO. "The most dangerous thing would be if people now think Ebola is over and become complacent."

Last month, the U.S. announced it was scaling back the size and number of Ebola clinics it had initially promised to build in Liberia, citing a drop in cases.

Russian Navy successfully tests new ballistic missile

By VLADIMIR ISACHENKOV
The Associated Press

MOSCOW — The Russian Navy on Friday successfully test-fired a new intercontinental ballistic missile for a second time in as many months, proving its reliability following a troublesome development.

The Defense Ministry said the Alexander Nevsky nuclear submarine test-fired a Bulava missile from an underwater position in the Barents Sea. The missile's warheads reached designated targets at a testing range in Russia's far eastern Kamchatka Peninsula.

The Bulava suffered many failures during a decade of tests, raising doubts about the fate of Russia's most expensive and ambitious weapons program since the Soviet collapse. But a series of recent launches has been successful and the Navy now has

three Borei-class nuclear submarines armed with the Bulava.

Two of them, the Alexander Nevsky and the Yuri Dolgoruky, named after medieval Russian rulers, already have entered service. The third one has been completed and is waiting to be formally commissioned by the Navy. Overall, eight Borei-class submarines are set to be built.

Like the previous Bulava launch on Oct. 29 from the Yuri Dolgoruky, Friday's test was essential for confirming the capability of the missile, which Russia touted as a key part of its nuclear deterrent.

According to Russian media reports, the Bulava has a range of nearly 5,000 miles and is capable of carrying up to 10 nuclear warheads. Military officials have boasted about its ability to penetrate any prospective missile defense.

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WORLD

US couple barred from leaving Qatar

By ABDULLAH REBHY
AND ADAM SCHRECK
The Associated Press

DOHA, Qatar — An American couple cleared Sunday by a Qatari appeals court of wrongdoing in the death of their adopted daughter has been barred from leaving the Middle Eastern country just hours after they were told they were free to go.

Matthew and Grace Huang were stopped from exiting the conservative Gulf nation and had their passports confiscated as they tried to pass through airport immigration control in the capital, Doha, said family representative Eric Volz, who is traveling with them. The unexpected delay adds a new twist to a closely watched legal case that may be stemmed from cultural misunderstandings in the conservative Gulf nation.

The Los Angeles couple had been banned from leaving the energy-rich Middle East while their case made its way through the courts, but the appeals court ruled Sunday they were free to

leave after the presiding judge overturned a child endangerment conviction against them.

They were met at the airport by U.S. Ambassador Dana Shell Smith, reflecting the intensity of American government interest in the case.

The Huangs spent months behind bars before being let out on their own recognizance last November. They were convicted in March of child endangerment and sentenced to three years in prison. They were allowed to remain free pending their appeal.

A doctor in Qatar who conducted Gloria's autopsy determined that dehydration and wasting disease were the cause of death. The Huangs have maintained their innocence and say Gloria, 8, suffered from medical problems complicated by unusual eating habits that included periods of binging and self-starvation. Prosecutors alleged she died after being denied food and locked in her room.

The Huangs have two other African-born adopted children and have been pressing Qatari of-



OSAMA FAISAL/AP

American couple Grace Huang, center, and Matthew Huang arrive at Hamad International Airport in Doha, Qatar, on Sunday.

ficials unsuccessfully for permission to leave the country to be with them.

"It has been a long and emotional trial for me and my family, and Grace and I want to go home and be reunited with our sons," Matthew Huang said shortly after the ruling. "We have been unable to grieve our daughter."

Matthew Huang had been working in the booming nation helping develop infrastructure improvements for Qatar's hosting of the 2022 World Cup.

Qatar also hosts an important American military air operations center near Doha that is involved

in airstrikes against the Islamic State group.

The U.S. ambassador met the Huangs at Qatar's sleek new Hamad International Airport.

"We are very, very happy to see justice delivered," Smith told The Associated Press as they entered the airport.

Not long afterward, the Huangs were stopped by immigration authorities.

Volz said officials informed the couple that a new appeal has been filed in their case and that they were not allowed to leave.

"As you can imagine it's a very scary situation," Volz said.

Bird flu at another Dutch poultry farm

THE HAGUE, Netherlands — Dutch authorities have discovered bird flu at another poultry farm and are slaughtering all 28,000 birds there, in the latest case of the infectious disease to hit the country's agriculture sector.

The Economic Affairs Ministry said in a statement Sunday that birds at the farm in the town of Zoeterwoude, 12 miles north-east of The Hague, were suffering from an H5N1 strain of bird flu. Further tests were underway to discover which strain.

Tens of thousands of birds have been slaughtered in the Netherlands in recent weeks after farms were infected with the H5N8 bird flu strain, which is highly infectious to birds but poses little risk to humans.

Boys find baby's body at Australian beach

SYDNEY — Two young boys playing on a Sydney beach on Sunday found an infant's body buried in the sand, police said, one week after a newborn baby was discovered alive at the bottom of a drain in the city's suburbs.

The boys, ages 6 and 7, discovered the infant's naked body while digging in the sand at Sydney's popular Maroubra beach on Sunday morning, New South Wales state police Inspector Andrew Holland said.

The body was too decomposed for officials to immediately determine the baby's age, gender or cause of death, Holland said, adding that it appeared to be "a very small infant." An autopsy will be performed.

The discovery comes one week after a group of cyclists rescued an infant whose cries they heard coming from the bottom of a roadside drain in a Sydney suburb. Police said the baby had spent five days in the drain. The baby's mother has been charged with attempted murder.

Officials on Sunday said they were hunting through hospital records to try and find the parents of the baby buried at the beach.

Gambia rebuffs anti-gay law criticism from West

DAKAR, Senegal — The Gambian government has brushed off criticism from Western donor nations that pushed a new law that punishes some homosexual acts with life in prison.

The European Union and the United States recently expressed disapproval at the law and threatened to cut aid to the West African country. Both provide aid to impoverished Gambia and have used that position to encourage respect for human rights.

The Gambian government will not allow acceptance of gay people to be a precondition for receiving aid "no matter how much aid is involved," Foreign Minister Bala Gargah Jahumpa said in a nationally televised address late Saturday.

"We are no longer going to entertain any dialogue on the issue with the European Union or any other foreign power," he said.

From The Associated Press

Tehran hospital manager hurt in acid attack

By ALI AKBAR DAREINI
The Associated Press

TEHRAN, Iran — Two attackers on a motorbike threw acid in the face of a Tehran hospital manager, police said Sunday, the latest in a string of such attacks that have targeted mostly women.

In a statement posted online, police said Dr. Siamand Anvari, the head of Ziaian Hospital, was attacked late Saturday while on his way home. Mahmoud Jabbarvand, one of the medics who treated him, was quoted by the IRNA news agency as saying he would not lose his vision.

Police offered no motive for the attack.

Meanwhile Sunday, the official IRNA news agency said police arrested a man after throwing acid at the face of his wife in Shahr-ezha, a small town near Isfahan in central Iran. Local police chief Col. Hamid Amirkhani described the attack as a "family dispute."

At least four women were attacked with acid in Isfahan in October, prompting protests. An ongoing police investigation into the Isfahan attacks suggests they were carried out by the same individual. Police have arrested four suspects in the case but say the attacker has not been identified.

Local media have suggested the women were targeted because they failed to adhere to the country's conservative dress code, though Iran's police chief, Gen. Issa Ahmadi Moghaddam, has dismissed that theory.



HASAN JAMALI/AP

Bahraini supporters of candidate Mohammed Tayeb wait for election results at his campaign tent in Hamad Town, Bahrain, on Saturday.

Bahrain's pro-government bloc prevails

By REEM KHALIFA
The Associated Press

MANAMA, Bahrain — Pro-government candidates took the majority of contested seats in Bahrain's parliamentary election on Sunday, although 13 independent Shiite candidates won mandates despite a boycott by the main opposition group, official results showed.

The Shiites, a majority in Sunni-ruled Bahrain, lost seats compared with the previous vote four years ago, in large part due to the boycott by the al-Wefaq group. In total, only five candidates from established political organizations won seats — the lowest number since elections in 2006.

It was the country's first full parliamentary elections since Shiite-led protests against the Sunni

monarchy erupted in February 2011.

Bahrain's parliament, or National Assembly, comprises 80 seats — 40 royally-appointed in the upper house and 40 elected seats in the lower house. The lower house has limited powers to question ministers. Its members cannot pass laws unless the king signs off.

Among the winners were three women, all of them Shiite. Four seats also went to male candidates from Sunni Islamist blocs, including two from the Muslim Brotherhood's Islamic Member group.

The Western-allied Arab nation hosts the U.S. Navy's 5th Fleet and is part of the U.S.-led coalition striking the Islamic State group in Iraq and Syria.

Bahrain has been roiled by low-level unrest over the past nearly four years. Shiites say the govern-

ment is failing to enact political reforms and address other grievances in the wake of the protests.

Justice Minister Khalid Bin Ali hailed the elections as a sign that citizens want to be represented in parliament and not on the streets.

Al-Wefaq dismissed the elections as a "sham" and said voter turnout did not exceed 30 percent. The government says voter turnout was 52.6 percent.

"Bahrainis deserve a country that they can truly participate in the decision-making of. They do not deserve and will not accept elections that further marginalize them," the group said in a statement.

The constitution requires that all members of parliament swear loyalty to the country and the king.



Young war correspondent Joseph Galloway, with the Marines in Danang in August 1965. The gear: A Swedish K 9mm submachine gun and a Nikon F black body camera.

Courtesy of Joseph Galloway

war," he said. "It still went on after they were published. Photography's role in ending the war was that it showed the effects of war day after day after day."

The military enabled that "water-drip coverage," in Buell's phrase, by granting journalists wide latitude in

where they traveled and who they interviewed until the war's latter stages. (The work came with considerable risk: More than 60 reporters were killed during the conflict.) The press has never again enjoyed as much freedom on the battlefield, as government and military officials have sought to control the flow of news.

Galloway, one of the lions of the Vietnam press corps, links the embed system to the "persistent myth" that the media lost the war by weakening public support in America. "It's a lot easier to blame Walter Cronkite, Peter Arnett, and Joe Galloway than it is to look at yourself and the consequences of your own failure and failed policy," he said.

Along with Army Lt. Gen. Hal Moore, Galloway wrote "We Were Soldiers Once... and Now Young," a chronicle of the war's first major battle between U.S. and North Vietnamese forces. Galloway witnessed and reported on the four-day fight in November 1965 as a young correspondent with UPI. When the guns fell silent in the Ia Drang Valley, 234 U.S. troops had been killed and more than 250 wounded.

By that point, the U.S. death toll in Vietnam had reached 1,100. "If the media had the power the military says it had, there would be 1,100 names on that wall" — the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington — "instead of 58,300. But I couldn't write that powerful of a story," he said. "Nobody could."

Galloway received a Bronze Star for Valor for rescuing several wounded soldiers during the battle. The only civilian awarded the honor by the Army for actions in Vietnam, he believes opposition to the war rose along with that one body count that the military could neither manipulate nor hide.

"People turned against the war for good cause: all those coffins coming home to every little village in America."

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'If I've lost Cronkite, I've lost middle America'

The press and public turn skeptical on the war outlook

By MARTIN KUZ
Stars and Stripes

The "voice of God" spoke, and President Lyndon Johnson trembled. In early 1968, not long after the Tet offensive, CBS News anchorman Walter Cronkite traveled to Vietnam to gauge the war's progress. Cronkite, who before the trip had supported the escalating U.S. military campaign in Southeast Asia, returned to his desk in New York with his perspective at once enlightened and darkened.

On Feb. 27, near the end of a half-hour documentary titled "Report from Vietnam," he delivered a sober editorial, his sonorous baritone laden with moral judgment.

"To say that we are closer to victory today is to believe, in the face of the evidence, the optimists who have been wrong in the past. To suggest we are on the edge of defeat is to yield to unreasonable pessimism. To say that we are mired in stalemate seems the only realistic, yet unsatisfactory, conclusion," he said. "On the off chance that military and political analysts are right, in the next few months we must test the enemy's intentions, in case this is indeed his last big gasp before negotiations. But it is increasingly clear to this reporter that the only rational way out then will be to negotiate, not as victors, but as an honorable people who lived up to their pledge to defend democracy, and did the best they could."

In the popular telling of the story, Johnson, after hearing the news man's appraisal, uttered his own grave assessment: "If I've lost Cronkite," he said, "I've lost middle America."

Less than five weeks later, with his approval ratings in free fall, Johnson ended his re-election campaign. Some historians ascribe his withdrawal, in part, to Cronkite's on-air indictment, and cast his decision as proof of press coverage reflecting public opinion on Vietnam. Yet the theory may provide stronger evidence of the tendency to inflate the media's influence during the war.

A Gallup poll taken in October 1967, five months before the broadcast, showed that 47 percent of Americans believed the U.S. had erred by sending troops to Vietnam, a 15 percent jump since January that year. Likewise, between November 1967 and February 1968, when the program aired, the per-

centage of Americans with a favorable view of the war effort tumbled from slightly more than half to less than a third.

In other words, Cronkite's special report didn't jolt "middle America" so much as reaffirm its pessimism. The deft anchorman had voiced the misgivings of his unseen audience. Even so, in the decades since the war, the perception that the press sowed turmoil at home and brought about the U.S. defeat in Vietnam has hardened into received wisdom.

"The media are a convenient scapegoat," said Daniel Hallin, author of "The 'Uncensored War': The Media and Vietnam." "It's more comfortable to think they were against the war; they were complicit. That takes the onus off the politicians and the military."

Hallin's book and another by historian William Hammond, "Reporting Vietnam: Media and the Military at War," offer the deepest analysis of the conflict's press coverage. Both authors scrutinized newspaper and broadcast accounts and found that much of the reporting in the early years, particularly on TV, heaved to the official government and military narrative. (There were notable exceptions, including Morley Safer's report for CBS News on U.S. Marines burning down an evacuated village in a so-called Zippo raid in 1965.)

The skeptical coverage that later emerged, according to Hallin and Hammond, reflected rather than provoked the discontent of Americans, who had already soured on the war over its surging death toll and drain on the economy. National sentiment had traced a similar arc during the country's previous overseas conflict.

"It should not be forgotten," Hallin wrote, "that public support for the short- and less costly limited war in Korea also dropped as its costs rose, despite the fact that television was in its infancy. Doves were tight and the World War II ethic of the journalist serving the war effort remained strong."

The last vestiges of that ethic vanished as the war in Vietnam churned on. The work of a cadre of journalists, among them Peter Arnett, Joseph Galloway, David Halberstam, Michael Herr and Neil Sheehan, exposed the widening chasm between the reality on the ground and the military's upbeat accounts. Reporters in Saigon dubbed daily press briefings the "5 o'clock follies," a taunt at

public affairs officers who, at the behest of superiors, embellished body counts and territorial gains.

Johnson had tried to sell the storyline that U.S. forces were prevailing, and felt persecuted when journalists pointed out the plot holes. The same self-pity afflicted his successor, Richard Nixon, as bad news flooded the White House early in his first term.

In 1969, Seymour Hersh broke the story of the My Lai massacre that had occurred a year earlier. The Pentagon Papers expose ran on the front page of The New York Times in 1971. The same year, frustrated by what he regarded as critical coverage of the U.S. incursion into Laos, Nixon grouched, "Our worst enemy seems to be the press."

Yet for all the damaging revelations that appeared in news articles, and even as Vietnam holds the distinction as the first "televised war," the conflict's most vivid media legacy belongs to photojournalists.

Three moments captured in Associated Press images, each of which won the Pulitzer Prize, came to define the war's trajectory. Malcolm Browne's shot of a Buddhist monk setting himself aflame in 1963 illustrated the unrest in South Vietnam under President Ngo Dinh Diem, whose assassination months later, carried out with CIA support, plunged America deeper into the country's festering political crisis.

In 1968, early in the Tet offensive, a South Vietnamese general executed a Viet Cong officer with a gunshot to the temple as they stood on a Saigon street. Eddie Adams' photograph of the killing stirred the nascent anti-war movement in America weeks before Cronkite declared the conflict "a stalemate."

Four years later, when a napalm bomb struck a town near Saigon, Nick Ut held up his 35mm camera as a small group of people ran toward him. The indelible image of a naked 9-year-old girl, screaming as her flesh burned, drew worldwide attention and intensified pressure on Nixon to stop the bloodshed. Most U.S. troops left Southeast Asia the following year.

Hal Buell, the AP's director of photography for much of the war, recognized the visceral impact of the photos at the time. "But no one picture ended the

The Vietnam experience

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INDEPENDENT NEWS FOR THE U.S. MILITARY COMMUNITY

Whenever They Fight and Wherever They Live

The first Stars and Stripes was printed during the Civil War, when a band of Union soldiers published a handful of editions.

During World War I, Stars and Stripes reappeared in Paris on February 8, 1918, to serve the doughboys of the American Expeditionary Force (AEF), by order of General of the Armies John J. Pershing. An all-military staff produced it weekly until the war's end.

A second renaissance began on April 18, 1942, when a small group of servicemen began publishing a four-page weekly Stars and Stripes in London. They sold each copy for "tuppence" (about 5 cents) and in no time doubled their page count to eight pages, printing daily instead of weekly.

The first World War II edition of Stars and Stripes featured an interview with Gen. George C. Marshall, Army Chief of Staff. Marshall quoted Gen. Pershing, World War I Commander of the AEF, who described Stripes as a major factor in sustaining morale. Stars and Stripes later found a champion and protector in Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower, Supreme Allied Commander and later president of the United States.

Eisenhower enforced a hands-off policy in regard to Stars and Stripes that continues to the present day.

Operations expanded, following GIs to the battlefield to bring them the news. During the war, Stars and Stripes published over 30

separate editions, running up to 24 pages per issue.

At one time, Stars and Stripes had some 25 printing locations in Europe, North Africa, the Middle East and the Pacific. The Pacific edition was launched a week after VE day (Victory in Europe, May 8, 1945).

The war ended—but Stars and Stripes kept going. Its reporters and photographers continued to join American troops in the field, throughout the Korean and Vietnam conflicts, during the 1990s Operations Desert Storm and Desert Storm, and in Bosnia and Kosovo.

From the 2003 outset of Operation Enduring Freedom, Stars and Stripes was there to report first-hand. The war in Afghanistan continues to receive steady coverage. And during Operation Iraqi Freedom, Stripes reporters embedded with military units in Kuwait and Iraq, as well as on Navy ships in the region.

Stars and Stripes today is a multimedia news organization. The majority of Stars and Stripes unique reporting efforts is read now in digital form, either online at stripes.com or via mobile offerings for iPhone, Android and iPad, in over 200 countries around the world.

The print newspaper is still available for servicemembers, government civilians and their families in



Europe, the Middle East and the Pacific—and in contingency areas. Washington, D.C., hosts the Central office, where daily editions are transmitted to printers in Afghanistan, Qatar, Bahrain, Kuwait, and Djibouti, as well as in Germany, Italy, UK, Japan, and South Korea. Stars and Stripes also publishes several weeklies (Stripes Guam, Japan, Korea and Okinawa), designed to serve the

needs of their respective military communities.

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2011 Military Photographer of the Year – Honorable Mention
Recipient: Joshua DeMotts

2011 Sigma Delta Chi Award – Breaking News Photography (Newspaper Circulation 100,001+ or Affiliated Website/National Magazine) Recipient: Laura Rauch: "For those love I will sacrifice"

2011 John Reagan "Tex" McCrary Award for Excellence in Journalism – Congressional Medal of Honor Foundation

2010 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Jon Rabinoff

2010 National Headline Awards – First Place: Public Service (Forcing Change) – Third Place: News Series (Coming Home: The Men of Triple Deuce)

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Recipients: Charlie Reed, Leo Shane III and Kevin Baron

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Recipient: Monte Morin

2006 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipients: Monte Morin, Joe Giordano; Honorable mention: Nancy Montgomery Photography; Fred Zimmerman

2005 Military Reporters and Editors Awards – Overseas coverage (< 100,000 circulation)
Recipient: Steve Lower Photography; Terry Boyd

2004 American Legion Excellence in Journalism Award – Ground Truth Series

2003 Scripps Howard Foundation National Journalism Award – First Amendment, Finalist

NATION



Above: A plastic bust of Kevin Micelli, center, and his family, was made using a 3-D scanner and printer.

Right: Victor De Los Angeles, left, owner of Cubo toy store, demonstrates how to use the scanner on Micelli at his store in New York.



THE SELFIE GOES 3-D

Could lifelike statues become the new family portrait?

The Associated Press

NEW YORK — Walk into Eddie DaRoza's office and you'll find two of him there — the actual 32-year-old video producer, and a 5-inch statuette of him.

"There are a lot of double takes. It's like a little action figure of myself," the Los Angeles native said.

He had the statue made on a lark. While waiting for his brother at a mall, he stepped into a studio that scanned his body and sent the scan off to a 3-D printer. These studios are popping up rapidly as 3-D scanning and printing technology gets more advanced. In New York City alone, there are at least four stores that offer the service. You can get scanned in just a few seconds and get your statue delivered in days.

The advent of digital cameras and smartphones killed the traditional mall portrait studio, but 3-D printing has sparked a new trend. Overloaded with digital photos, statues may be moving in to fulfill our desire for portraits that stand out.

Many of the customers of the statue studios are parents who want statues of their kids. Sylvain Preumont, who opened a New York branch of his London-based iMakr store this year, said a soldier's wife had their three children scanned so he could bring them to Afghanistan. Victor De Los Angeles, owner of New York 3-D printing and scanning store Cubo, has scanned several pregnant women.

New York's Museum of Art and Design offered scans and statues earlier this year. Shapeways, the company that supplied the exhibit,

said it scanned about 6,000 people and sold about 1,500 statues for \$30.

The typical 3-D-printed statue is printed in full color in a material known as "sandstone" — really, gypsum powder. It's glued together by color ink ejected from a head similar to the one found in an inkjet printer. The statues range from 3 to 8 inches tall. The technology allows for a lot of variation in materials. iMakr offered chocolate statues for Easter. For 99 pounds, you get a box with six small chocolate likenesses of yourself.

Big businesses are getting into 3-D statuary as well, with Wal-Mart Stores Inc. at the forefront. In July, at a newly opened Sam's Club in Montgomery, Ill., and another outside Fort Worth, Texas, 3-D printers scanned shoppers' faces and placed resin printouts of their heads on action figure-sized bodies of one of three Marvel characters. A Staples store in New York scans people's faces and puts them on NBA and Star Trek figurines. The goal of the pilot program is to get small businesses to use Staples Inc. for 3-D scanning and printing jobs, just like they've provided those services for paper.

One example of what that might look like: A bakery that wants to use statues of the bride and groom as wedding cake toppers would need a printer that cost \$60,000 or so, plus the expertise to use it. Staples wants to do that job for them, for \$70.



This finished plastic statue was made with a 3-D scanner and printer at Cubo toy store in New York.

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SCIENCE AND MEDICINE

Malady of the decade

'Text neck' is becoming an epidemic and could wreck your spine

BY LINDSEY BEVER
The Washington Post

The human head weighs about a dozen pounds. But as the neck bends forward and down, the weight on the cervical spine begins to increase. At a 15-degree angle, this weight is about 27 pounds, at 30 degrees it's 40 pounds, at 45 degrees it's 49 pounds, and at 60 degrees it's 60 pounds.

That's the burden that comes with staring at a smartphone — the way millions do for hours every day, according to research published by Kenneth Hansraj in the National Library of Medicine. The study will appear this month in *Surgical Technology International*.

Over time, researchers say, this poor posture, sometimes called "text neck," can lead to early wear-and-tear on the spine, degeneration and even surgery.

"It is an epidemic or, at least, it's very common," Hansraj, chief of spine surgery at New York Spine Surgery and Rehabilitation Medicine,

told *The Washington Post*. "Just look around you, everyone has their heads down."

Can't grasp the significance of 60 pounds? Imagine carrying an 8-year-old around your neck several hours per day. Smartphone users spend an average of two to four hours per day hunched over, reading emails, sending texts or checking social media sites. That's 700 to 1,400 hours per year people are putting stress on their spines, according to the research. And high-schoolers might be the worst. They could conceivably spend an additional 5,000 hours in this position, Hansraj said.

"The problem is really profound in young people," he said. "With this excessive stress in the neck, we might start seeing young people needing spine care. I would really like to see parents showing more guidance." Medical experts have been warning people for years. Some say for every inch the head tilts forward, the pressure on the spine doubles.

Tom DiAngelis, president of the American Physical Therapy Association's Private Practice Section, told *CNN* last year the effect is similar to bending a finger all the way back and holding it there for about an hour.

"As you stretch the tissue for a long period of time, it gets sore, it gets inflamed," he said. It can also cause muscle strain, pinched nerves, herniated disks and, over time, it can even remove the neck's natural curve.

It's a risk for some 58 percent of American adults who own smartphones.



Michelle Colie, a doctor who heads Performance Physical Therapy in Rhode Island, told *CNN* last year she started seeing patients with mobile technology-induced head, neck and back pain some six or seven years ago.

Poor posture can cause other problems as well. Experts say it can reduce lung capacity by as much as 30 percent. It has also been linked to headaches and neurological issues, depression and heart disease.

"While it is nearly impossible to avoid the technologies that cause these issues, individuals should make an effort to look at their phones with a neutral spine and to avoid spending hours each day hunched over," according to the research.

Hansraj offers smartphone users these tips to avoid pain:

■ Look down at your device with your eyes. No need to bend your neck.

■ Exercise. Move your head from left to right several times. Use your hands to provide resistance and push your head against them, first forward and then backward.

■ Stand in a doorway with your arms extended and push your chest forward to strengthen "the muscles of good posture."

"I love technology. I'm not bashing technology in any way," Hansraj said. "My message is just be cognizant of where your head is in space. Continue to enjoy your smartphones and continue to enjoy this technology. Just make sure your head is up."

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AMERICAN ROUNDUP

Transplant helps save life of woman's friend

IN CENTERVILLE — An eastern Indiana woman helped extend her best friend's life by donating a portion of her liver to her for a transplant.

Although the liver section doctors transplanted from Christie DeBruer Hill into Laura Alderson Toby ultimately failed, it helped Toby receive a whole liver transplant just days later from a cadaver.

Toby is now recovering from the surgeries at Northwestern Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Hill said she doesn't regret her donation to her Toby, 36, her best friend since the seventh grade, because if she hadn't done it, Toby would have remained ineligible for a cadaver transplant because her medical history includes skin cancer. Toby's post-surgery problems meant a cadaver transplant became an available life-saving option.

When pigs fly? Not on this US Airways plane

CT WINDSOR LOCKS — A pig was ordered off a U.S. Airways plane at Bradley International Airport in Connecticut on Wednesday after crew members determined the animal had become disruptive.

Laura Masvidal, a spokeswoman for U.S. Airways parent American Airlines, said Friday.

The pig had been brought aboard the flight by a passenger as an emotional support animal, Masvidal said. She said both the pig and its owner left the aircraft before it took off.

Jonathan Skolnik, who was on the flight, said he initially thought the female passenger was carrying a duffel bag. Then he smelled a stench.

The woman sat next to him and tethered the pig to the armrest, Skolnik said. The pig was incontinent, and the passenger scrambled to control the pig while trying to clean up its mess.

Man buys computer, but receives box of paper

TN BRENTWOOD — A Tennessee man nearly saw his Black Friday deal papered over.

Hunsinger, of Brentwood, went to a Best Buy on Thursday night with his brother and a friend to buy a new Apple laptop that was on sale.

Hunsinger told WKRN-TV in Nashville that after returning to the car, the men realized the box didn't contain a computer. Instead, they had purchased a box stuffed with paper.

The man went back into the store to ask about the \$950 device. After a few minutes, store employees returned with a computer.

Drive-thru flu shots popular with residents

AR TEXARKANA — Roll up the sleeve, hold the arm outside the car window and get a flu shot.

The Arkansas Department of

THE CENSUS

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The value of hair gel a Tennessee woman is accused of taking from an Ampro factory in Memphis. Officers said Lisa Dowell, 44, of Millington, took 24 pallets of the product during a three-month period last year. Dowell was arrested last week after some of the stolen product ended up at a flea market.



JESSICA TEZAK, THE EVANSVILLE (IND.) COURIER & PRESS/AP

Tabby tamer

Mayya Panfilova directs one of her trained house cats during her act at the 81st annual Hadi Shrine Circus at the Ford Center in Evansville, Ind.

Health says its Drive-thru Flu Vaccination Clinic last week at Four States Fairgrounds in Texarkana proved popular, with an estimated 850 people getting vaccinated — either with a shot or a nasal spray.

Southwest region nursing director Cynthia White told the Texarkana Gazette that Tuesday's drive-thru clinic was especially popular among older residents who didn't have to leave their vehicles until they returned home.

White said flu activity is already being seen in the area and noted that about 80 people in Arkansas died due to flu last flu season.

Las Cruces to start year off with chile drop

NM LAS CRUCES — The city of Las Cruces is set to ring in the new year with its own take on the ball drop.

The Las Cruces Sun-News said a 15-foot chrome steel chile pepper will be hoisted on Dec. 31.

Organizers say the giant pepper, powered by solar technology, will drop 60 feet at midnight.

Residents will decide whether the 400 feet of LED lights covering the chile pepper will light up green or red.

Those who want to weigh in on the classic red-or-green debate can vote on the event's website, www.lascruceschildprod.com, or on a Facebook page.

Shooting is city's first homicide in 15 years

DE NEW CASTLE — New Castle police said an 18-year-old man was fatally shot in the city's first homicide in 15 years.

Senior Lt. Adam P. Brams told the News Journal of Wilmington that Malik Watson was shot in the chest Wednesday about a half-mile from his home. He died at a local hospital.

Brams said police have a provision of interest, but would not provide more details.

He said New Castle's last homicide was in 1999, which he described as domestic-related.

Paleontologist studies long-neglected dinosaur

SD RAPID CITY — A paleontologist at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology is helping to understand a dinosaur that has long

been ignored by scientists.

Clint Boyd recently published the results of his 10-year study that focused on two dinosaur heads found years ago in two rural northwest South Dakota counties.

For more than a century, nothing was known about the head of the T. neglectus. The name means "marvelous, neglected lizard."

Boyd said T. neglectus has taken a backseat to bigger and toothier dinosaurs. He said it is one of the last nonavian dinosaurs that lived on earth, and that it gives insights into the lives and evolution of many other dinosaurs.

Payroll checks arrive late due to vacation

PA WILKES-BARRE

— About 1,200 government employees in a northeastern Pennsylvania county are getting their Black Friday paychecks late because the person in charge of payroll went on vacation and didn't approve an electronic transfer.

Luzerne County administration officials say they corrected the error by Friday afternoon.

Some employees were paid in the early afternoon, while payments were in the works for oth-

ers. County Manager Robert Lawton has apologized.

Union official Paula Schnelly said she received calls and texts from employees missing their electronically deposited paychecks.

Woman charged in theft that left nuns assaulted

MT BILLINGS — Police charged a Billings woman for allegedly taking part in a robbery in which two elderly nuns were badly beaten.

The Billings Gazette reported that Bonnie Fern Archambeau, 48, made an initial appearance in Justice Court via video from the Yellowstone County jail on a felony charge of robbery by accountability.

Archambeau didn't enter a plea during Wednesday's hearing. Justice of the Peace David Carter set bond at \$25,000 and ordered her to appear in District Court on Dec. 5.

Prosecutors say cigarettes found outside the nuns' residence contained the DNA of Christopher Pine, who has been charged, as well as the DNA of Archambeau and another man.

From wire reports

FACES

Playing it smart

Eddie Redmayne takes on Stephen Hawking in 'The Theory of Everything'

By RICK BENTLEY
The Fresno Bee

Before Eddie Redmayne stepped in front of the cameras to portray scientist Stephen Hawking in "The Theory of Everything," he spent four months rehearsing — much of the time with a dance instructor. His new film isn't some strange musical about the life of the genius. Redmayne just wanted to make the physicality of his performance as real looking as possible.

Hawking was diagnosed in college with a motor neuron disease that was supposed to kill him in two years. The film by director James Marsh shows how Hawking, now 72, not only defied the diagnosis but went on to a full life as husband, father and genius.

Redmayne plays Hawking from a young 20-something in the throes of passion for his studies and fellow University of Oxford student, Jane (Felicity Jones), to his contorted confinement in a wheelchair.

"The first thing I did was get my hands on every piece of documentary footage I could find. The problem was that there wasn't much video before he was in the wheelchair," he says.

He relied on medical experts to help him understand the physical decline of Hawking, and he used the dance instructor to help him turn that information into the way he moved.

The London native has been a professional actor since his debut in the TV series "Animal Ark." Since then, he has appeared in the films "The Other Boleyn Girl," "My Week with Marilyn" and "Les Misérables." Playing Hawking — especially in the later years — stripped away all of the acting tools Redmayne had refined

in those previous works.

Redmayne stresses he would never equate the reduced perimeters of an acting job to the disease that permanently has taken away a man's movements.

He wants the movie to spark the audience to think about what it would be like to have so many huge obstacles put in their way. Would they be inclined to act like Hawking and forge ahead against all odds, or give up the fight?

One thing Redmayne can relate to is the scientist's wicked sense of humor.

"The only way to deal with the emotional ramifications of his disease is to have a sense of humor. During my research I met a man with a similar condition who almost choked to death the night before we met," Redmayne says. "The next day, he said, 'I wonder what death-defying act I'll do today?' Stephen has that kind of sense of humor in abundance. He has this glint of mischief in his eyes. He's such fun to be around."

Redmayne got to spend three hours with Hawking five days before filming started. The meeting gave him a better understanding of Hawking, and it also magnified the pressure of playing a role based on a real person.

And, Redmayne's not just playing an average living person. He had to get across the intelligence that's made Hawking one of the greatest minds in history, his relationship with his family (good and bad) and his legacy. One way Redmayne was able to handle the pressure was through his meetings with Hawking's children. The way they so openly allowed him into their lives helped him deal with the responsibility of playing the role.

It also helped that his co-star, Jones, is a longtime friend. They started their careers at the same theater in London. That friendship helped them deal with the intensity of the relationship between Hawking and Jane.

Because the movie covers Hawking's life from the 1960s, the physical deterioration could unfold slowly. The scene that worried Redmayne the most is one where a wheelchair-bound Hawking imagines what it would be like to stand up and walk. "That moment made me very nervous," Redmayne says. "It's the scene where even though he was doing remarkable things, he was still dreaming of doing the smallest task."



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Eddie Redmayne is Stephen Hawking in "The Theory of Everything."

Eddie Redmayne
CHRIS PIZZELLO, INVISION/AP

Rocker says he's broke: 'I had no money, not even for gas or food'

The Associated Press

Creed frontman Scott Stapp says he's broke.

The 41-year-old lead singer of the Grammy-winning band said in a rambling 15-minute-long video posted on his Facebook page Wednesday that he's living in a hotel.

"Right now, I'm living in a Holiday Inn, by the grace of God, because there's been a couple of weeks where I had to live in my truck," he said in the video. "I had no money, not even for gas or food."

Stapp said money has been stolen from his bank account and royalty payments have not been paid to him. "Eight weeks ago, I began an audit of not only my record company, but my personal finances," he said. "During the course of that audit, a lot of things were uncovered. A lot of money was stolen from me, or royalties not paid, and that's when all hell began to break loose."

Stapp denied he's taking drugs or alcohol and said he is "as sober as can be."

Creed last toured together in

2012. The band was one of the most successful rock acts of the 1990s, selling more than 40 million albums.

Other news

■ Kensington Palace officials say Prince William will make an official visit to China and Japan early next year. He is expected to travel in late February. William's wife Kate, who is pregnant, is not expected to accompany him.

■ The Nielsen company said Wednesday that some 875 hours of

holiday shows were on broadcast and cable networks in late 2013. That includes specials and holiday episodes of regularly-scheduled series, the company said. Nielsen said that 84 percent of women and 79 percent of men said they watched at least a minute of holiday programming last year.

■ Host Garrison Keillor plans to stay home and listen to "A Prairie Home Companion" on the radio for a couple of shows this winter. Mandolinist Chris Thile of the band Nickel Creek will be the guest host for shows Feb. 7



AP
Scott Stapp said in a video posted on his Facebook page on Nov. 26 that he is broke and living in a hotel.

and 14 from the Fitzgerald Theater in St. Paul, Minn. It's only the second time in the show's 40-year history that it's had a guest host.

BUSINESS/WEATHER

Use credit wisely during the holidays

By ALEX VEIGA
The Associated Press

Using credit to tackle your holiday shopping can be tempting. And offers of a discount for opening a new account, or interest-free purchases for a year or more make it more enticing.

But relying on credit without a plan to pay off the debt quickly can easily cost you more in the long run. Carrying higher balances for several months could lower your credit score, making it more expensive to refinance your home, to buy a car or to qualify for other loans.

"No amount of rewards are going to be worth using a credit card and carrying a balance from one month to the next," said Bill Hardekopf, CEO of LowCards.com, which tracks credit card offers. "There's no credit card that pays you 12 percent or 15 percent or 18 percent back in rewards."

So, so many shoppers will reach for credit cards this holiday season.

Here are three tips that can help you avoid ending up with a debt hanger this holiday season:

■ **Read the fine print.** This time of year, credit issuers and retailers roll out cards with special discounts and interest rate grace periods in a bid to win borrowers. If you can't resist applying, be sure to read the fine print that spells out the limits on these perks, as well as circumstances that could trigger higher charges or annual fees.

Take Macy's and Kohl's. Customers who are approved for cards from either of the department store chains receive a variety of discounts. With Macy's card, new cardholders receive 20 percent off, but the savings max out at \$100.

Consumers who open Kohl's credit card accounts receive 15 percent off on their next purchases and a 20 percent discount when they receive the cards. In addition, the card entitles borrowers to at least 12 annual discounts ranging from 15 percent to 30

percent on select merchandise. Macy's lists an annual percentage rate of 24.5 percent for purchases on its card. Kohl's advertises a rate of 23.99 percent. That means those discounts may not be so wallet-friendly should you carry a balance beyond a month or two.

Then there are the cards that offer zero percent interest on purchases for a year or more. They can save you money over time. But often just being late on a single payment is enough to end the interest rate grace period, wiping out your initial savings.

If you're considering using a card offering zero interest on purchases for a period of time, try this: Take how much you would charge on the card and divide it into monthly payments within the interest-free period.

■ **Cash in rewards.** If you've been accruing rewards points on one of your credit cards, you may have already earned enough to buy gifts this holiday season.

Some cards offer cash back,

credits against your balance or even special deals to buy gift items from a points redemption store. Major card issuers such as American Express, Chase, Citicard and Discover offer some type of points reward program.

■ **Establish a repayment strategy.** Establish a budget for how much of your holiday shopping you can put on your credit cards and still afford to pay off any balance within a realistic, but expedient, period of time.

That should also help limit your spending and provide a roadmap for paying off your card balances. Hardekopf also said if you are going to carry a balance, contact your issuer and ask for a lower rate. There is no guarantee that it will be lowered, but it never hurts to ask.

And there's no reason to wait until your payment is due. Making small payments twice a month or more can help blunt interest charges. That's because most card issuers charge based on your average daily balance.

EXCHANGE RATES

Military rates	
Euro costs (Dec. 1)	\$1.2809
Dollar buys (Dec. 1)	€0.7807
British pound (Dec. 1)	\$1.61
Japanese yen (Dec. 1)	¥115.00
South Korean won (Dec. 1)	₩1,076.00
Commercial rates	
Bahrain (Dinar)	0.3770
British pound	\$1.5629/1.6398
Canada (dollar)	1.1425
China (Yuan)	6.4334
Denmark (Krone)	5.9789
Egypt (Pound)	7.1525
Euro	\$1.2443/0.8037
Hong Kong (Dollar)	0.7548
Hungary (Forint)	246.32
Israel (Shekel)	3.9849
Japan (Yen)	118.79
Kuwait (Dinar)	0.2915
Norway (Krone)	7.0234
Philippines (Peso)	44.92
Poland (Zloty)	3.36
Saudi Arabia (Riyal)	3.7530
Singapore (Dollar)	1.3035
South Korea (Won)	1,110.20
Switzerland (Franc)	0.9557
Thailand (Baht)	32.83
Turkey (New Lira)	2.2205

(Military exchange rates are those available to customers at military banking facilities in the country of issuance for Japan, South Korea, Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. For nonlocal currency exchange rates (i.e., purchasing British pounds in Germany), check with your local military banking facility. Commercial rates are interbank rates offered for reference when buying currency. All figures are foreign currencies to one euro, except for the British pound, which is represented in dollars-to-pound, and the euro, which is dollars-to-euro.)

INTEREST RATES

Prime rate	3.25
3-month bill	0.10
Federal funds market rate	0.10
3-month bill	0.02
30-year bond	2.91

WEATHER OUTLOOK

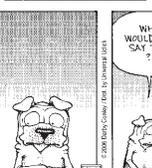
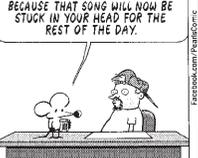


Monday's US temperatures

City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr	City	Hi	Lo	Wthr
Ablene, Tex	37	26	Cldy	Chatanooga	63	46	Cldy	Fort Wayne	32	19	Cldy	Louisville	44	30	Pcldy
Akron, Ohio	35	23	Cldy	Cheyenne	35	27	Pcldy	Fresno	68	53	Pcldy	Lubbock	39	23	Pcldy
Albany, N.Y.	43	21	Cldy	Chicago	23	17	Pcldy	Goodland	32	14	Pcldy	Macon	68	46	Pcldy
Albuquerque	54	33	Cldy	Cincinnati	38	22	Cldy	Grand Junction	50	25	Pcldy	Madison	15	4	Cldy
Allentown, Pa.	51	25	Cldy	Cleveland	34	24	Cldy	Grand Rapids	25	14	Cldy	Medford	52	42	Cldy
Amarillo	53	31	Cldy	Colorado Springs	33	23	Pcldy	Great Falls	34	16	Pcldy	Memphis	52	36	Rain
Anchorage	29	27	Cldy	Columbia, S.C.	71	46	Cir	Green Bay	36	20	Cir	Miami Beach	81	73	Cir
Ashville	66	41	Pcldy	Columbus, Ga.	70	47	Cldy	Greensboro, N.C.	66	40	Cldy	Midland-Odessa	40	25	Pcldy
Atlanta	68	48	Pcldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	38	25	Cldy	Hartford	49	30	Cldy	Milwaukee	19	13	Cir
Atlantic City	61	35	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	77	47	Cldy	Helena	52	21	Pcldy	Missoula	28	19	Pcldy
Austin	65	37	Cldy	Dallas-Ft. Worth	44	22	Rain	Honolulu	81	72	Pcldy	Mobile	72	51	Pcldy
Baltimore	58	32	Cldy	Dayton	35	24	Cldy	Houston	74	44	Rain	Montgomery	73	49	Pcldy
Baton Rouge	78	54	Cldy	Daytona Beach	77	63	Cldy	Huntsville	64	46	Cldy	Nashville	55	39	Pcldy
Bilings	34	26	Pcldy	Denver	41	24	Cir	Indianapolis	35	24	Cir	New Orleans	76	57	Cir
Birmingham	68	48	Cldy	Des Moines	19	11	Pcldy	Jackson, Miss.	71	49	Cir	New York City	54	31	Cldy
Bismarck	34	8	Cir	Detroit	32	17	Cldy	Jacksonville	76	56	Pcldy	Newark	54	30	Cldy
Boise	40	35	Cldy	El Paso	65	37	Cldy	Janeau	29	21	Pcldy	Norfolk, Va.	67	43	Cldy
Boston	54	29	Cldy	El Paso	65	37	Cldy	Kansas City	27	15	Pcldy	North Platte	29	10	Pcldy
Bridgeport	55	28	Cldy	Elkins	52	28	Rain	Key West	71	50	Cldy	Oklahoma City	21	10	Pcldy
Brownsville	79	59	Cldy	Erie	35	24	Cldy	Knoxville	60	44	Cldy	Omaha	24	16	Pcldy
Buffalo	33	18	Cldy	Eugene	44	37	Rain	Lake Charles	75	54	Cldy	Orlando	78	61	Pcldy
Burlington, Vt.	39	16	Cldy	Fargo	6	1	Cir	Lexington	50	30	Rain	Pasadena	26	15	Cldy
Caribou, Maine	37	14	Cldy	Fairbanks	6	-8	Cir	Las Vegas	63	47	Cldy	Pendleton	27	21	Snow
Casper, Wyo.	40	31	Cir	Fargo	6	1	Cir	Lexington	50	30	Rain	Peoria	26	15	Cldy
Charleston, S.C.	73	50	Cir	Flagstaff	53	23	Pcldy	Lincoln	25	13	Cldy	Philadelphia	58	33	Cldy
Charleston, W.Va.	55	32	Rain	Fort Smith	28	14	Cldy	Little Rock	50	34	Rain	Phoenix	77	57	Cir
Charlotte, N.C.	68	44	Cir	Fort Smith	41	32	Cldy	Los Angeles	72	57	Cldy	Pittsburgh	43	28	Cldy

The weather is provided by the American Forces Network Weather Center, 2nd Weather Squadron at Offutt Air Force Base, Neb.

National temperature extremes
Cldy Hi: 85, Canadian Air Force, Texas
Rain Lo: Sat., -13, Saint Mary, Mont.



Eugene Sheffer Crossword

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- 1 Sphere
 - 4 Lingerie piece
 - 7 Eden denizen
 - 11 Union payment
 - 13 Have a bug
 - 14 Loosen
 - 15 Jacob's brother
 - 16 Sticky stuff
 - 17 Pack down
 - 18 Baffle
 - 20 Vegan staple
 - 22 Fellows
 - 24 Opposite of
 - 28 One-time 007 portrayer
 - 32 Pass, as a law
 - 33 Eastern potentate
 - 34 Visored headgear
 - 36 Enticement
 - 37 Ballroom favorite
 - 39 Got smarter
 - 41 Collar stiffener
 - 43 Tiny legume
 - 44 Greek vowels
 - 46 Use
 - 50 Pinnacle
 - 53 Siegfried's partner
 - 55 Differently
 - 56 French restaurant word
 - 57 Mobile device, usually

- 23 Fallon's network
- 25 Tennyson poem
- 26 Beige
- 27 Dance lesson
- 28 Not so much
- 29 Latin 101 verb
- 30 Coors brand
- 31 Deviate off course
- 35 Domino spot
- 38 Performance
- 40 Vast expanse
- 42 Silent Marx brother
- 45 Pop
- 47 Lotion additive
- 48 Capri, e.g.
- 49 Onion's kin
- 50 Top card
- 51 Half a dance
- 52 — amis
- 54 Tibetan critter

DOWN

- 1 Rhyming tributes
- 2 Oxidation
- 3 Sutor
- 4 Suitcase
- 5 Urban disturbance
- 6 Unfriendly
- 7 1955 Roger Williams hit
- 8 "CSI" evidence
- 9 Navy bigwig (Abbr.)
- 10 Swab
- 12 1972 Seals & Crofts hit
- 19 Corral
- 21 Doctor's due

Answer to Previous Puzzle

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12-1 CRYPTOQUIP

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OPINION

How to keep future wars cold

By GREGORY D. KOBLENTZ

At a time when we are reflecting on the lessons from the Cold War amid growing concern about the current U.S.-Russia relationship, we should be looking ahead to anticipate how changes in technology and geopolitics create new challenges to peace and stability among the world's major (nuclear) powers.

The Cold War stayed cold largely because the United States and the Soviet Union possessed nuclear weapons that raised the risk of an armed conflict between them to an unacceptable level. The destructiveness of nuclear weapons and the lack of effective defenses against them contributed to the strategic stability between the superpowers. Neither side had an incentive to strike first, and this calculation was unaffected by external shocks, false alarms or marginal shifts in the balance of power.

Since the end of the Cold War, three challenges to strategic stability have emerged. The first is the increasing complexity of deterrence relations among the nuclear weapon states. Whereas the first nuclear war was shaped by the bipolar global ideological and military competition between the United States and Soviet Union, the second nuclear age has been marked by the emergence of a multipolar nuclear order composed of states linked by varying levels of cooperation and conflict. Rising nuclear powers such as China, India and Pakistan are not party to the web of treaties, regimes and relationships that girded strategic stability between the United States and Soviet Union (and now Russia).

Moreover, most nuclear weapon states face security threats from more than one source, which breeds a "security trilemma," when actions taken by a state to defend itself against one state have the effect of making a third state feel insecure. As a result, changes in one state's nuclear posture can have a cascading effect on the other nuclear-armed states. The trilemma helps explain Russian and Chinese reactions to American missile defenses aimed at Iran and North Korea.

The second challenge is the emergence of a suite of advanced non-nuclear military technologies that have the potential to replicate, offset or mitigate the strategic effects of nuclear weapons. Missile defenses and long-range precision weapons, for example, reduce strategic stability by endangering the ability of nuclear-armed states to credibly threaten retaliation following a surprise attack. Anti-satellite weapons and cyberweapons pose threats to the integrity of early warning and command-and-control systems.

The potential for rapid advances in these technologies will make it more difficult for states to accurately assess others' capabilities, which may foster worst-case analyses and arms races. This dynamic reinforces the "zero-sum" mentality that feeds the security trilemma.

The third challenge is found in South Asia, which is the region most at risk of a breakdown in strategic stability. India and Pakistan face more severe security challenges than those of the other nuclear weapon states because of their geographic proximity, history of conflict, higher levels of domestic instability, the dispute over

Kashmir and the threat of cross-border terrorism.

The two countries have been engaged in a nuclear and missile arms race since 1998 that shows no signs of abating. Pakistani development of short-range nuclear-armed missiles and India's pending deployment of sea-based nuclear weapons raise further concerns about command and control and the heightened vulnerability of these weapons to accidents and terrorism.

Each of these dynamics is worrisome on its own, but the combination of them could be particularly destabilizing. The United States should proactively shape the second nuclear age before it finds itself trapped in a new nuclear order that is less stable, less predictable and less susceptible to American influence.

Working in concert with the other established nuclear weapon states, the United States should promote transparency and confidence-building measures to mitigate the destabilizing influences of advanced non-nuclear military technologies, encourage strategic dialogue among China, India and Pakistan, build capacity in India and Pakistan to engage in such dialogue, and establish a multilateral forum that includes India and Pakistan in discussions among the established nuclear weapon states on issues affecting strategic stability.

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A case for presidential self-restraint

By GREGORY F. WILL

For every action, there is an equal and opposite reaction.
 — Newton's Third Law of Motion

America's Newtonian Constitution might again function according to Madisonian expectations if a provoked Congress regains its spine and self-respect, thereby returning our constitutional architecture to equilibrium. But this is more to be hoped for than expected. Even without this, however, the institutional vandalism of Barack Obama's executive unilateralism still might be a net national benefit. It will be if the Republicans' 2016 presidential nominee responds to Obama's serial provocations by promising a return to democratic etiquette grounded in presidential self-restraint.

Not since the off-year elections of 1938, when voters rebuffed Franklin Roosevelt for his attempt to pack the Supreme Court by enlarging it, has the electorate made constitutional equilibrium a central concern. James Madison, however, hoped institutional balance could be self-maintaining: "Ambition must be made to counteract ambition. The interest of the man must be connected with the constitutional rights of the place."

He expected that the rivalries between self-interested branches would produce an equal and opposite reaction to a rival's overreaching. This would hold the branches in a planetary balance akin to that of the solar system, preventing the concentration of legislative and executive power in the same hands, which he defined as tyranny. Before conservatives had the disorienting delight of Ronald Reagan's presidency,

they had a healthy suspicion of executive power, and an inclination to favor congressional supremacy. Congress, however, has long since ceased to be a reliable custodian of its own powers.

And now it has permanent and deepening attention deficit disorder. It can neither control nor even maintain meaningful oversight over the sprawling government it has created. According to historian Morton Keller in "America's Three Regimes," members of early Congresses were more numerous than federal bureaucrats. Today there are many more than 535 executive departments, agencies and other entities that Congress funds without effective supervision and to which a harried, distracted Congress delegates discretionary tantamount to legislative power. James Bugley, in his forthcoming book "Saving Congress from Itself," reports:

"Shortly after my election to the Senate in 1970, I was handed a recently completed study of Congress that had concluded that the workload of the average congressional member had doubled since 1935. . . . I can certify that during my own six years in office, I witnessed a sharp increase in the already frenetic pace of the Senate and an equally sharp decline in its ability to get very much done that could honestly be labeled 'thoughtful.'"

There have been 1,950 senators since the Constitution was ratified, and none has done as much damage to the institution's deliberative capacity as Harry Reid has done as majority leader. He has broken its rules in order to rewrite its rules, and has bent its procedures, all in the service of presidential preferences. He and his caucus exemplify how progressives, confident that they know history's proper destination, are too results-oriented to be interested in

institutional conservation.

America's two youngest presidents, Woodrow Wilson and Obama, have been the most dismissive of the federal government's Madisonian architecture. Wilson, the first president to criticize America's Founding, was especially impatient with the separation of powers, which he considered, as Obama does, an affront to his dual grandeur: The president is a plebiscitary tribune of the entire people, monopolizing true democratic dignity that is denied to mere legislators. And progressive presidents have unexcelled insight into history's progressive trajectory, and hence should have untrammelled freedom to act.

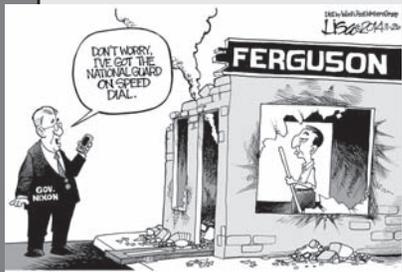
Courts will not try to put a bridle and snaffle on a rampaging president, and perhaps Congress cannot, even if it summons the will to try. So we are reduced to hoping for something Madison was reluctant to rely on — executive self-restraint in response to a popular demand for it.

Fortunately, Obama's ongoing and intensifying assault on constitutional equilibrium is so gross it has produced something commensurately remarkable — growing public interest in matters of governmental processes. Obama, who aspired to a place in the presidential pantheon, will leave office with a status more like Chester Arthur's than Franklin Roosevelt's, but without an achievement as large and popular as Arthur's civil service reform. Obama will, however, merit the nation's backhanded gratitude if the 2016 Republican presidential nominee makes central to a successful campaign a promise to retreat voluntarily from his predecessor's Caesarism.

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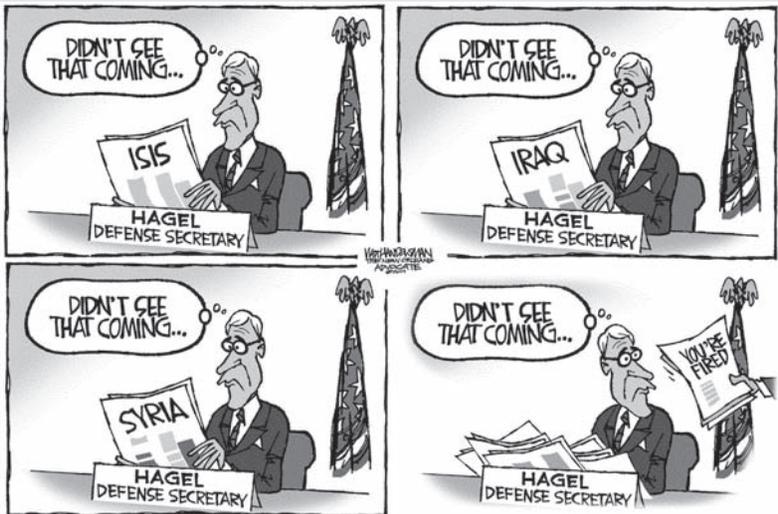
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Week	W	L	Pct	PF PA
New England	9	2	.818	327 224
N.Y. Giants	8	0	1.000	233 294
Buffalo	6	5	.545	238 207
N.Y. Jets	2	9	.182	177 303

NFC				
Week	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Indianapolis	7	4	.636	333 263
Tennessee	5	6	.455	242 226
Jacksonville	1	10	.091	161 305

AFC				
Week	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Cincinnati	7	3	.682	246 234
Pittsburgh	7	4	.636	288 263
Cleveland	7	4	.636	288 263

NATIONAL CONFERENCE				
Week	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Philadelphia	9	0	.750	375 285
Dallas	8	0	.667	303 273
N.Y. Giants	8	0	.773	294 273
Washington	3	8	.273	217 273

AFC				
Week	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Atlanta	4	0	.364	262 281
New Orleans	2	4	.334	288 286
Tampa Bay	2	9	.182	207 300

NFC				
Week	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Green Bay	8	0	.727	304 246
Detroit	8	0	.667	231 207
Minnesota	7	0	.417	253 327
Chicago	4	7	.364	202 244

AFC				
Week	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Arizona	9	2	.818	240 195
San Francisco	7	5	.583	231 244
San Diego	5	5	.364	209 285

NFC				
Week	W	L	Pct	PF PA
Tennessee	11	0	.909	315 185
Oakland at St. Louis	10	0	.833	231 207
Carolina at Washington	10	0	.833	231 207
Washington at Indianapolis	10	0	.833	231 207
Indianapolis at Buffalo	10	0	.833	231 207
San Diego at Baltimore	10	0	.833	231 207
N.Y. Giants at Jacksonville	10	0	.833	231 207
Cincinnati at Tampa Bay	10	0	.833	231 207
New Orleans at Pittsburgh	10	0	.833	231 207
Oakland at Atlanta	10	0	.833	231 207
New England at Green Bay	10	0	.833	231 207

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New England at San Diego	1:00	ESPN	94.9	Qualcomm Stadium
Monday, Dec. 8				

Tuesday, Dec. 9				
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Wednesday, Dec. 10				
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Dallas at Chicago	12:05	ESPN	770	AT&T Stadium
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Thursday, Dec. 11				
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Friday, Dec. 12				
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Saturday, Dec. 13				
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Tuesday, Dec. 16				
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Dallas at Chicago	12:05	ESPN	770	AT&T Stadium
N.Y. Giants at Tennessee	1:00	ESPN	98.5	Ramnick Field
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Wednesday, Dec. 17				
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Dallas at Chicago	12:05	ESPN	770	AT&T Stadium
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San Francisco at Pittsburgh	1:00	ESPN	48	Acrisure Stadium
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Thursday, Dec. 18				
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Saturday's men's scores

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 Creighton 57, Middle Tennessee 47
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Eastern Conference

Atlantic Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Tampa Bay	25	16	7	2	34	65
Montreal	24	15	6	2	31	65
Pittsburgh	25	15	7	2	34	65
Boston	24	14	9	1	29	61
Florida	21	9	6	6	24	53
Ottawa	24	10	6	6	24	53
Buffalo	24	14	2	2	24	63

Metropolitan Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
N.Y. Islanders	24	17	7	0	34	77
N.Y. Rangers	25	16	7	2	31	65
Washington	23	10	9	4	24	65
Carolina	23	11	9	4	24	65
Philadelphia	23	12	9	3	19	61
Washington	23	13	9	1	17	64
Carolina	23	13	9	1	17	64
Columbus	23	15	2	2	14	53

Western Conference

Central Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Nashville	23	16	5	2	34	64
St. Louis	24	16	6	2	34	66
Chicago	24	15	8	1	31	74
Minnesota	23	13	9	1	27	65
Colorado	24	10	5	2	23	64

Pacific Division

GP	W	L	OT	Pts	GF	GA
Vancouver	23	15	6	3	32	61
Anaheim	25	14	6	5	33	68
San Jose	25	15	7	2	34	64
Los Angeles	24	12	7	5	29	57
San Jose	24	12	7	5	29	57
Arizona	24	12	3	2	21	57
Edmonton	23	11	9	1	27	70
Calgary	24	12	3	2	21	57

OTL: Two points for a win, one point for overtime loss.

Friday's games

- Detroit 5, New Jersey 4, SO
- N.Y. Rangers 3, Philadelphia 0
- Chicago 4, Anaheim 1
- Washington 5, N.Y. Rangers 2
- Boston 4, Pittsburgh 1, OT
- Buffalo 2, Montreal 1
- Carolina 4, Pittsburgh 2
- Vancouver 5, Columbus 0
- Toronto 2, St. Louis 4
- St. Louis 4, Edmonton 3, OT
- Minnesota 5, Dallas 2

Saturday

- Flames 3, Arizona 0
- Calgary 0 1-3-0
- Edmonton 0 0-2-0
- Second Period—1, Calgary, Brodie 6
- Third Period—2, Calgary, Gaudeur 4
- Hudler, Giordano, 4:07, 3, Calgary, Hudler 11 (Monahan, Wideman), 7:13 (pp)
- Shots on Goal—Calgary 13-5-11-29.
- Power-play opportunities—Calgary 1 of 2; Edmonton 0 of 0.
- Goals—Peters, Rimo 6-2-11 (20 shots-26 saves), Arizona, Dubnyk 5-1-2.
- A-13,530 (17,125), T-2:22.

Blackhawks 4, Kings 1

- Chicago 2 11-4
- Los Angeles 0 10-1
- First Period—1, Los Angeles, Carcello 3 (Bickell), 1:52, 2, Chicago, B.Richards 5 (Versteeg), 17:59.
- Second Period—3, Los Angeles, Nolan 1 (Muzzin), 5:53, 3, Chicago, Richards 6 (Muzzin), 10:44.
- Third Period—5, Chicago, Saad 4 (Hos- saine), 1:07, 1, Los Angeles, 11:07.
- Shots on Goal—Chicago 9-8-25, Los Angeles 8-4-20.
- Power-play opportunities—Chicago 0 of 2; Los Angeles 0 of 3.
- Goals—Micallef, Crawford 12-5-1 (20 shots-19 saves), Los Angeles, Quick 10-5-4 (20 shots-26 saves).
- A-18,471 (18,118), T-2:24.

Blues 3, Wild 2 (SO)

- St. Louis 0 1 1-0-3
- Minnesota 0 2 0-2-0
- St. Louis won shootout 1-0
- First Period—1, Louis, Tarasenko 14, 10:20, 2, Minnesota, Kovaly 3 (Zucker, Coyle), 14:20, 3, Minnesota, Parise 3 (Gut- er, Pominville), 19:01 (pp).
- Second Period—4, St. Louis, Backes 7 (Bergerud), 14:27.
- Shootout—St. Louis 1 (Oshie), N. Steen 0, Tarasenko 1 (Minnesota, 0 (Parise), N. Kovaly NG, Pominville, 0 (Parise), N. Steen 0.
- Power-play opportunities—St. Louis 0 of 2; Minnesota 0 of 3.
- Goals—St. Louis, Allen 8-2-1 (38 shots-22 saves), Minnesota, Backstrom 3-2-1 (26-24).
- A-19,124 (17,954), T-2:47.



MARK ZALESKI/AP

Predators center Mike Ribeiro celebrates after scoring a goal against the Blue Jackets in the second period Saturday in Nashville, Tenn. The Predators won 2-0.

Predators 2, Blue Jackets 1

- Columbus 0 1-1-2
- Nashville 0 0-1-2
- Second Period—1, Nashville, Ribeiro 6 (Josi, Weber), 12:47.
- Third Period—2, Columbus, Johansen 9 (Foligno, Johnson), 3:48 (pp), 3, Nashville, Wilson 4 (Smith, Jarmekko), 17:48.
- Goals—Columbus, McElhinney 1-6-1 (42 shots-40 saves), Nashville, Rinne 16-3-1 (22-21).
- A-16,548 (17,113), T-2:27.

Sabres 4, Canadiens 3 (SO)

- Buffalo won shootout 1-0
- First Period—1, Buffalo, Girgensons 7 (Emis, Desjardins), 14:03.
- Second Period—3, Montreal, Eller 7 (Dreut, Emelin), 7:31, 5, Montreal, Piacoretto 11 (Weise, Subban), 12:15, 6, Buffalo, Flynn 3 (Gionta, Mitchell), 14:04.
- Shootout—Buffalo 1 (Mouson, N. Emis), N. Girgensons NG, Gionta NG, Flynn 0, Montreal 0 (Galchenyuk, NG, Deshar- nar), Parenteau NG, Eller NG, Piekane- k.
- Shots on Goal—Buffalo 9-8-6-3-26.
- Power-play opportunities—Buffalo 0 of 3; Montreal 2 of 2.
- Goals—Buffalo, Enroth 5-9-1 (44 shots-41 saves), Montreal, Tokarski 3-2-1 (26-23).
- A-21,287 (21,273), T-2:51.

Maple Leafs 6, Capitals 2

- Toronto 0 1 1-2-0
- Washington 3 2 1-2-0
- First Period—1, Toronto, Reilly 3, 14:15.
- Second Period—3 (Lupu, Santorillo), 19:37 (pp).
- Third Period—3 (Toronto, Bozak 10 (van Riemsdyk, Clarkson), 23, 4, Washington, Brodeur 6 (Backstrom, Carlson, Kostyk) (pp), 5, Toronto, Kessel 7 (Kadr, Gardner), 11:00, 6, Toronto, Bozak 11 (Kessel, van Riemsdyk), 15:36 (pp).
- Shootout—Buffalo 1 (Mouson, N. Emis), N. Girgensons NG, Gionta NG, Flynn 0, Montreal 0 (Galchenyuk, NG, Deshar- nar), Parenteau NG, Eller NG, Piekane- k.
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- Goals—Buffalo, Enroth 5-9-1 (44 shots-41 saves), Montreal, Tokarski 3-2-1 (26-23).
- A-21,287 (21,273), T-2:51.

Penguins 3, Hurricanes 2

- Pittsburgh 2 0 1-3
- Carolina 1 0 1-2
- First Period—1, Carolina, Faulk (Rask, Gerbe), 3:39 (pp), 2, Pittsburgh, Kunitz 9 (Malkin, Comeau), 3:56, 3, Pittsburgh, 10:27 (Martin, Ebbett), 5:32.
- Second Period—None.
- Third Period—4, Pittsburgh, Ehrhoff 1 (Maatta), 15:27, 5, Carolina, Lindholm 7 (Rask, S. St. Louis), 19:42 (pp).
- Shots on Goal—Pittsburgh 14-11-8—33, Carolina 10-10-10—30.
- Power-play opportunities—Pittsburgh 0 of 3; Carolina 2 of 6.
- Goals—Pittsburgh, Greiss 3-1-1 (34 shots-23 saves), Carolina, Khudobin 0-5-2 (20-20).
- A-11,225 (18,860), T-2:33.

Lightning 4, Senators 1

- Ottawa 1 0 0-1
- Tampa Bay 0 1 3-4
- First Period—1, Ottawa, Legwand 3 (Korson, Tur), 3:12 (pp).
- Second Period—2, Tampa Bay, Callahan 11 (Stankov, Killorn), 5:13.
- Third Period—3, Tampa Bay, Killorn 7 (Straiman, Callahan), 1:14, Tampa Bay, Morrow 1 (Paquette), 8:09, 5, Tampa Bay, Kucherov 9 (Johnson, Garrison), 13:53 (pp).
- Shots on Goal—Ottawa 9-8-10-27.
- Power-play opportunities—Ottawa 1 of 2; Tampa Bay 4 of 4.
- Goals—Pittsburgh, Greiss 3-1-1 (34 shots-23 saves), Tampa Bay, Bishop 14-2 (2-26).
- A-19,204 (19,204), T-2:33.

Islanders 3, Devils 1

- New Jersey 1 0 0-1
- N.Y. Islanders 1 1 1-3
- First Period—1, N.Y. Islanders, 1:14.
- Second Period—2, New Jersey, Brunner 2 (Larsson, Ryder), 14:27.
- Third Period—5, N.Y. Islanders, Clutterbuck 3 (de Haan, Czizkas), 3:32.
- Goals—New Jersey, Schneider 1-1-16—35, N.Y. Islanders 11-15-2-28.
- Power-play opportunities—New Jersey 0 of 4; N.Y. Islanders 9 of 4.
- Goals—New Jersey, Schneider 9-10-3 (32 shots-25 saves), N.Y. Islanders, Hiak 12-4-0 (35-34).
- A-16,170 (16,170), T-2:26.

Rangers 5, Flyers 2

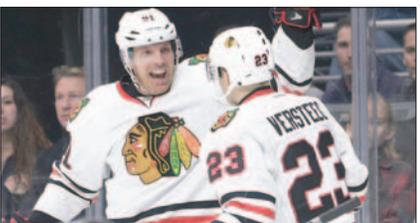
- Philadelphia 1 1 0-2
- N.Y. Rangers 1 1 1-3
- First Period—1, N.Y. Rangers, Brassard 7 (Nash, Stepan), 2:50 (pp), 2, Philadel- phia, Crossman 2 (Voracek, B.Schneid- er), 13:46.
- Second Period—3, Philadelphia, Vorac- ek 9 (Schnerr, Giroux), 8:45 (pp), 4, N.Y. Rangers, Fast 1 (Klein, Miller), 11:38.
- Third Period—5, N.Y. Rangers, Brassard 8 (Hayes, Klein), 3:06, 6, N.Y. Rangers, Miller 1 (Fast, Hunwick), 9:54, 7, N.Y. Rangers, Stempniak 5 (McDonagh), 19:36 (pp).
- Goals—Philadelphia, 1-4-11-21, N.Y. Rangers 11-14-36—35.
- Power-play opportunities—Philadel- phia 1 of 1; N.Y. Rangers 1 of 4.
- Goals—Philadelphia, Emery 4-4-1 (34 shots-23 saves), N.Y. Rangers, Lindvold 9-6-3 (23-21).
- A-17,066 (18,005), T-2:21.

Avalanche 5, Stars 2

- Dallas 2 0 0-2
- Colorado 2 1 2-5
- First Period—1, Dallas, Eakin 5 (Colding, Mitchell, Guerin), 1:31, 3, Colorado, 1:57 (Giroux), 1:57, 4, Dallas, 6:28, 4, Dallas, 15:29.
- Second Period—5, Colorado, Tanguay 8 (Duchene, Barrie), 18:00.
- Third Period—2, Colorado, Duchene 8 (Barrie, Tanguay), 3:46, 7, Colorado, Landeskog 7 (Tangue, Mackinnon), 3:45 (pp).
- Shots on Goal—Dallas 8-5-11-24.
- Power-play opportunities—Dallas 0 of 1; Colorado 2 of 2.
- Goals—Dallas, Lindback 0-5-4 (37 shots-42 saves), Colorado, Piskor 3-3-0 (24-22).
- A-15,761 (18,007), T-2:33.

Sharks 6, Ducks 3

- Anaheim 1 1 1-2-4
- San Jose 3 2 1-6-7
- First Period—1, San Jose, Coyle 2 (Wingels, Marneau), 9:05, 2, Anaheim, Brodeur 1 (Larsson), 10:50, 3, San Jose, 12:00, 10, 13:55 (pp), 4, San Jose, Pavelski 10 (Thornton, Wingels), 19:08 (pp).
- Second Period—5, San Jose, Wingels 7 (Larsson), 1:07, 1, Anaheim, 1:09, 3, San Jose, Nieto 2 (Wingels, Sheppard), 6:09, 9, Anaheim, Perry 13 (Getzlaf, Fowler), 15:52.
- Third Period—9, Anaheim, Perry 14 (Getzlaf, Fowler), 29, 9, Anaheim, Getzlaf 7 (Larsson), 4:20, 10, San Jose, Nieto 2 (Wingels), 15:10 (pp-pp).
- Goals—Anaheim, Anderson 10-4-4 (38 shots-22 saves), San Jose, Nieto 2 (Wingels, Sheppard), 6:09, 9, Anaheim, Perry 13 (Getzlaf, Fowler), 15:52.
- Power-play opportunities—Anaheim 0 of 5; San Jose 2 of 2.
- Goals—Anaheim, Anderson 10-4-4 (38 shots-22 saves), San Jose, Nieto 2 (Wingels, Sheppard), 6:09, 9, Anaheim, Perry 13 (Getzlaf, Fowler), 15:52.
- A-17,392 (17,562), T-2:39.



JAC C. HOWE/AP

The Blackhawks' Brad Richards, left, celebrates his goal with Kris Versteeg during the first period Saturday against the Kings.

Roundup

Richards sparks Chicago vs. Kings

The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES — Brad Richards left Los Angeles in a much better frame of mind this time with the Chicago Blackhawks than he did after he and the New York Rangers lost the Stanley Cup finals to the Kings.

Richards scored two goals to lead the Blackhawks to a 4-1 victory over the Kings on Saturday night in a matchup of teams that have each won two of the last five Stanley Cup titles.

"Coming in here is a little bit-terwest," said Richards, who failed to score against goalie Jonathan Quick in the five-game final series against Los Angeles. "The feeling is, I wish I had done it the last time I was in here. We would have kept the series going."

The 14-year veteran signed a one-year deal with the Blackhawks after the Rangers bought out the final six years of his nine-year, \$60 million contract.

"It's obvious that a nine-year deal going to New York is a lot different than a one-year deal coming into a team that won two Cups," Richards said. "I was fortunate enough that I could be found in the summer and try to find a good fit, and here we are."

"It's funny, because now I'm on the team they beat to get to us."

Daniel Carcillo also scored for Chicago, and Brandon Saad added an empty-net goal with 1:49 remaining. Corey Crawford made 19 saves in helping the Blackhawks end their road trip 5-1.

"Halfway through the trip we were kind of on the bubble, right around a playoff spot, and we talked about trying to gain ground and gain momentum going into the second 20 games," Richards said. "We did a great job of that. We had big tests against good teams and we piled up five out of six, which is huge."

Jordan Nolan scored for Los Angeles, and Quick stopped 21 shots.

Rangers 5, Flyers 2: Derick Brassard scored twice to lead host New York. Jesper Fast, J.T. Miller

and Lee Stempniak also scored for New York, which swept the Flyers in a home-and-home matchup on consecutive days. Fast's goal was the first of his NHL career.

Penguins 3, Hurricanes 2: Christian Ehrhoff scored his first goal of the season with 4:33 remaining, helping host Pittsburgh top Carolina.

Islanders 3, Devils 1: Jaroslav Halak made 34 saves for his ninth straight win, and Cal Clutterbuck scored his third goal of the season as the host New York got back to its winning ways.

Sabres 4, Canadiens 3 (SO): Bryan Flynn scored in regulation and added the shootout winner in Buffalo's victory over hoar Montreal.

After losing five straight, Buffalo has won five of six games.

Maple Leafs 6, Capitals 2: Tyler Bozak scored twice and Jonathan Bernier made 35 saves to help host Toronto beat Washington.

Lightning 4, Senators 1: Alex Killorn and Ryan Callahan each had a goal and an assist as host Tampa Bay topped Ottawa.

Predators 2, Blue Jackets 1: Colin Wilson scored the tiebreaking goal with 2:12 to play, lifting host Nashville over Columbus.

Mike Ribeiro also scored for the Predators, winners of four straight and six of seven.

Blues 3, Wild 2 (SO): Vladimir Tarasenko scored the lone shootout goal, and St. Louis rallied to beat host Minnesota.

Avalanche 5, Stars 2: Alex Tanguay had a goal and two assists, Matt Duchene and Gabriel Landeskog had a goal and an assist each, and Colorado beat host Dallas.

Sharks 6, Ducks 4: Logan Couture scored twice after missing the morning skate with an illness, and host San Jose snapped a four-game losing streak by holding off Anaheim.

Flames 3, Coyotes 0: Karri Ramo stopped 26 shots, and Jiri Hudler had a goal and two assists to lead visiting Calgary past slumping Arizona.

SPORTS BRIEFS/COLLEGE BASKETBALL



CHARLIE NEIBERGER/AP

Nebraska head coach Bo Pelini reacts during the second half against Iowa on Friday in Iowa City, Iowa. Pelini was fired as Nebraska's coach on Sunday after putting up a 66-27 record over seven years.

Briefly

Pelini fired after seven seasons

The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Bo Pelini was fired as Nebraska's football coach on Sunday after a seven-year stint marked by an inability to restore the program to national prominence and too many embarrassing defeats.

Pelini extended his streak of winning at least nine games every season with a 37-34 overtime win at Iowa on Friday but he never won a conference championship and his teams lost four games in every season he completed.

Pelini was 66-27 and led the Cornhuskers to three league championship games in the Big 12 and Big Ten.

"Earlier this morning I informed Coach Bo Pelini of our decision to move forward in a new direction," athletic director Shawn Eichorst said in a statement. "Coach Pelini served our University admirably for seven years and led our football program's transition to the Big Ten Conference."

Asked for comment, Pelini wrote in a text to The Associated Press, "I'm good. Thanks for asking!"

Quarterback Tommy Armstrong Jr. tweeted, "Biggest mistake you ever made... Bo was the best coach I've ever had and I'll always appreciate the things you taught me."

Pelini was under contract through February 2019. The university will owe him a settlement of about \$7.5 million, which can be reduced by a certain amount once he lands another job.

Pelini brought the Huskers out of the depths of the failed four-year Bill Callahan experiment that ended in 2007, his four-losses-a-year habit and frequent bad losses on the national stage wore on a fan base that has filled Memorial Stadium for every home game since 1962.

Top 25 roundup

Old Dominion knocks off VCU

The Associated Press

NORFOLK, Va. — Mired in a horrific shooting slump, Old Dominion's junior guard Aaron Bacote said he needed just one early shot to fall against No. 14 Virginia Commonwealth to boost his confidence.

Bacote made that first one, and then all seven of the rest of his shots as well, including four three-pointers. His onslaught produced a career-high 31 points as the Monarchs upset VCU 76-67 on Saturday.

"It's no secret, everybody knows I wasn't playing well," said Bacote, who in the last four games was 1-for-16 from the floor. "My coaches didn't give up on me, my teammates definitely didn't give up on me. They know the type of player I can be."

"I just wanted one to drop. The second one fell, and I just went off from there."

Bacote came into the game averaging just four points and shooting 16 percent, with only 20 points on the season. But by adding 11-for-13 free throws, Bacote topped his previous career high of 28 done twice last season.

The Rams (4-2) were led by Treveon Graham's 34 points and never led after the opening few minutes.

The loss was VCU's second in three games. Villanova routed VCU 77-53 last Monday.

Kevin Knox (6-1) was a really good player, he's played well against us in the past," said VCU coach Shaka Smart. "He got off to a slow start this year... but it's not like the team was losing. You could tell he's had a good attitude and hasn't dropped his head. He was ready to go today."

No. 9 Wichita State 75, Tulsa 55: Fred VanVleet scored 21 points and Ron Baker had 19 to lead host Wichita State.

VanVleet and Baker combined for 23 first-half points as the Shockers (4-0) built an 18-point lead. Darius Carter scored 14 points for Wichita State.

No. 8 Virginia 45, Rutgers 26: Justin Anderson and Anthony Gill each had 13 points to lead Virginia to a win over Rutgers in the championship game of the Barclays Center Classic.

Virginia (6-0) held Rutgers to just 25 percent shooting.

Anderson, who was the MVP of the tournament, had a two-handed dunk with 3:02 left that essentially sealed the win.

No. 19 Michigan 91, Nicholls State 62: Carris LeVet scored 19 points and host Michigan bounced back from its first loss of the season.

The Wolverines (5-1) were without starting point guard Derrick Walton, who was on the sideline with what appeared to be a boot on his left foot. Spike Albrecht was certainly a capable replacement for Walton, finishing with 10 points, seven assists, three steals and no turnovers.

Ricky Doyle added 15 points



STEVE EARLEY, THE VIRGINIAN-PILOT/AP

Old Dominion's Richard Ross, left, and Virginia Commonwealth's Treveon Graham fight to control the ball during a game Saturday in Norfolk, Va. Old Dominion won 73-67.

for Michigan.

No. 21 West Virginia 86, College of Charleston 57: Jonathan Holton scored a career-high 21 points, leading West Virginia.

West Virginia (7-0) is off to its best start since going 11-0 in the 2009-10 season when it reached the Final Four.

Jaysean Paige added 15 points for the Mountaineers and Juwan Staten had 10. Evan Bailey and Donovan Gilmore led the College of Charleston (2-4) with 13 points

followed by Joe Chealey's 10.

No. 23 Creighton 57, Middle Tennessee 47: Austin Chadman and Isaiah Zierden each scored 10 points to help No. 23 Creighton beat Middle Tennessee and finished third in the inaugural Emerald Coast Classic.

Creighton (6-1) bounced back from its first loss of the season. Mississippi defeated Creighton 75-68 Friday in the semifinal of the eight team tournament.

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Scoreboard

Eastern Conference				
Atlantic Division				
	W	L	Pct GB	
Toronto	13	3	81.25	0
Brooklyn	6	8	42.9	6
Boston	6	8	42.9	7 1/2
New York	4	13	23.5	8 1/2
Philadelphia	4	13	23.5	9 1/2

Southeast Division				
	W	L	Pct GB	
Washington	10	5	66.7	—
Atlanta	9	6	60.0	— 1
Miami	7	8	46.3	2 1/2
Orlando	6	12	33.3	5 1/2
Charlotte	4	14	22.2	7 1/2

Central Division				
	W	L	Pct GB	
Chicago	10	6	62.5	—
Milwaukee	8	7	53.6	1
Cleveland	7	10	41.3	1 1/2
Indiana	6	11	35.3	2 1/2
Detroit	3	13	18.8	7

Western Conference				
Southwest Division				
	W	L	Pct GB	
Memphis	14	2	87.5	—
Houston	10	4	70.6	1 1/2
San Antonio	11	4	73.1	2 1/2
Dallas	9	5	64.3	4
New Orleans	7	7	50.0	6 1/2

Northwest Division				
	W	L	Pct GB	
Portland	8	7	53.8	—
OKC	8	5	61.5	— 1
Denver	6	12	33.3	2 1/2
Utah	5	10	33.3	3 1/2
Minnesota	4	10	28.6	7

Pacific Division				
	W	L	Pct GB	
Golden State	13	2	86.7	—
Los Angeles	10	4	71.4	— 1
Phoenix	10	7	58.8	— 4
Sacramento	9	5	64.3	4 1/2
Lakers	5	13	27.8	10 1/2

Friday's games			
Chicago 109, Boston 106	Golden State 106, Charlotte 101	Atlanta 100, New Orleans 91	Portland 105, Toronto 104
Milwaukee 104, Detroit 88	Oklahoma City 105, New York 78	L.A. Clippers 102, Houston 85	Indiana 98, Orlando 83
Memphis 112, Portland 104	Denver 122, Phoenix 97	Minnesota 120, L.A. Lakers 119	San Antonio 117, Sacramento 102

Saturday's games			
Dallas 110, Philadelphia 103	Washington 83, New Orleans 80	Oklahoma City 105, Charlotte 76	Cleveland 109, Indiana 97
L.A. Clippers 117, Utah 96	Houston 107, Milwaukee 103	San Antonio at Brooklyn	Golden State at Detroit
Phoenix at Sacramento	Miami at New York	Minnesota at Portland	Toronto at L.A. Lakers

Monday's games			
San Antonio at Philadelphia	Miami at Washington	Detroit at Utah	Minnesota at L.A. Clippers

Saturday Mavericks 110, 76ers 103			
DALLAS	- Parsons 7-19 0-17, Aminu 2-15 0-6, Chandler 7-9 6-7 20, Harris 13-23 1-5, Ellis 17-22 3-10, Wright 9-17, Jefferson 3-6 3-6 10, Buehler 2-8 3-4 7, Williams 14-20 11-22, Grant 0-2 0-0, Monta 40-89 22-10 10.		

Sunday Philadelphia 110, 76ers 103			
PHILADELPHIA	- Embiid 4-10 0-0, L. Brown 10-10 1-1, Sims 5-8 3-4 13, Carter-Williams 4-13 10-12 18, Thompson 4-10 0-0, McDaniels 8-17 3-3 21, Shved 9-14 0-0, Davies 0-1 1-1, Grant 0-0 0-0, Sampson 0-0 0-0, Covington 1-2 2-4, D. Brown 2-5 3-11 10.		

Three-point Goals—Dallas 8-20 (Villanueva 3-4, Parsons 3-10, Harris 1-3, Jefferson 1-3, Crowder 1-1, Ellis 0-2), Philadelphia 6-21 (McDaniels 2-3, Shved 2-4, Thompson 2-2, Brown 0-0, Davies 0-1, Covington 0-2, Carter-Williams 0-3), Fouled Out—None. Rebounds—Houston 35 (Chandler 10, Jefferson 10, Williams 13), Assists—Dallas 28 (Parsons 6), Philadelphia 24 (Carter-Williams 6), Technical Fouls—Dallas 23, Philadelphia 26, Philadelphia—Sims, Philadelphia defensive three seconds—A—16:45 (2).			
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TONY DEJAN/AP

The Cavaliers' Kevin Love drives between Pacers Solomon Hill, left, and Ian Mahinmi on Saturday. Love led Cleveland with 28 points.

Wizards 83, Pelicans 80

NEW ORLEANS—Evans 2-15 0-4, Davis 11-19 9-20, Ash 0-4 1-2 1, Holiday 7-18 0-17, Rivers 1-5 2-4 4, Anderson 4-11 2-12, Salmons 4-6 0-9, Babbitt 1-3 1-2 4, Ajinca 0-1 0-0, Totals 30-81 14-21 80.

WASHINGTON—Pierce 3-6 2, 22, Humphries 3-6 2, 8, Gortat 12-20 0-0 24, Wall 5-14 1-2 11, Beal 5-11 0-2 12, Gooden 15-2-4, Butler 2-5 0-5, Porter 1-2 1-2, A.Miller 2-6 0-4, Seraphin 1-1 0-0 2 20, Totals 35-76 9-12 83.

Hawks 105, Hornets 75

CHARLOTTE—Henderson 6-14 2-2 14, Jefferson 1-2 0-0 2, Williams 1-2 0-0 2, E. Johnson 2-9 0-4, Stephenson 3-6 0-6, Hairston 5-13 2-12, Maxwell 17-0-0 2, Cleveland 3-4 1-4 7, Roberts 0-6 0-0 0, Pargo 4-9 0-10, Vornell 1-2 0-2, Totals 29-88 12-16 75.

ATLANTA—Carroll 4-6 1-10, Millsap 7-10 4-15, Horford 5-9 0-11, Teague 2-7 0-6, Korver 4-6 2-2 12, Brand 4-7 1-2, Mack 3-8 1-1 9, Schroder 4-8 2-2 12, Bazeley 0-0 0-0, Scott 5-7 2-14, Selfolosa 0-2 0-0, Muscala 2-6 0-4, Totals 40-75 13-16 105.

Cavaliers 109, Pacers 97

INDIANA—S.Hill 4-11 3-4 13, West 7-16 0-14, Mahinmi 3-8 1-4 7, Sloan 18-0-0 2, Shuck 4-6 5-9 15, Miles 0-0 0-0 0, S. Hill 0-0, Copeland 3-5 4-4 11, Watson 3-2-3, Scioia 4-8 2-10, Rudez 1-2 1-4, Whitinger 2-2 0-2, Totals 39-89 20-26 97.

CLEVELAND—James 9-18 12-19, Love 9-12 4-8, Thompson 4-6 2-6 13, Irving 9-17 3-24, Marion 4-6 0-9, Waiters 1-5 0-2, H. Hill 1-4 0-2 2, Grant 1-2 0-2, Harris 2-2 0-5, Kirk 1-2 0-2, Totals 41-78 20-32 109.

Rockets 117, Bucks 103

HOUSTON—Ariza 5-18 0-14, Motiejunas 3-12 3-20, Black 4-6 0-8, Torry 7-15 0-18, Harden 9-14 12-13 34, Dorsey 2-2 0-4, Papanikolaou 5-6 0-12, Johnson 1-5 0-2, Garcia 1-7 0-2, Daniels 1-1 0-0 3, Totals 48-18-16 117.

MILWAUKEE—Antetokounmpo 7-12 3-17, Parker 3-7 13-14 19, Sanders 3-5 5-11, Knight 4-8 2-12, Mayo 2-10 0-2 6, Middleton 5-5 4-4 11, Iyavosa 7-14 2-2 18, D. Miller 2-4 0-4, Marshall 0-3 0-0, Bayless 2-9 0-4, Totals 33-74 31-35 103.

Clippers 112, Jazz 96

L.A. CLIPPERS—Barnes 2-6 2-2 8, Griffin 13-18 1-28, Jordan 4-4 0-8, Paul 7-13 2-17, Redick 4-9 4-5 13, Crawford 8-17 2-22, Farmer 4-6 0-10, Hayes 1-3 0-2 2, Davis 2-3 0-4, Bullock 0-1 0-0, Turkoglu 0-0 0-0, Totals 45-80 11-15 112.

UTAH—Hayward 11-18 4-30, Favors 8-11 3-19, Kanter 2-9 2-6, Burke 1-6 0-1 3, Burks 4-5 3-12, Ingles 0-1 0-0, Booker 4-7 7-9 15, Hood 0-6 2-2, Exum 2-7 0-5, Gobert 2-4 0-4, Totals 34-75 23-98 96.

NBA winners today

Longest losing streak to start the season in NBA history (x-current):

- 17 — New Jersey Nets, Feb. 8 to Dec. 2, 2009
- 17 — Los Angeles Clippers, Feb. 5 to Dec. 14, 1999
- 17 — Miami Heat, Nov. 5 to Dec. 12, 1988
- 16 — x-Philadelphia 76ers, Oct. 29 to Nov. 29, 2010
- 16 — Los Angeles Clippers, Nov. 4 to Dec. 10, 1972
- 15 — Philadelphia 76ers, Oct. 14 to Nov. 10, 1970
- 15 — Denver Nuggets, Oct. 29 to Nov. 29, 1949
- 15 — Phoenix Suns, Nov. 1 to 16, 2006
- 12 — Memphis Grizzlies, Oct. 30 to Nov. 22, 2007
- 12 — Denver Nuggets, Oct. 31 to Nov. 25, 1997
- 12 — Washington Wizards, Oct. 30 to Nov. 25, 2012

Roundup

Gortat lifts Wizards over Davis, Pelicans

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — On a night that the Washington Wizards scored their fewest points of the season, Marcin Gortat made sure his points counted. Gortat had a season-high 24 points and 13 rebounds in the Wizards' 83-80 win over the New Orleans Pelicans on Saturday night.

Gortat scored 12 points in each half to lead Washington, which had lost its previous two games.

While the Wizards won despite scoring their season low, the Pelicans were also held to their fewest points — and have their first three-game losing streak of the season.

Washington coach Randy Wittman was appreciative of Gortat. "That was big for us, considering we didn't have a lot going on offensively," Wittman said. "He had a complete game for us."

The Wizards trailed only once — when Anthony Davis, who led New Orleans with 30 points, dunked with 3:48 remaining to give the Pelicans a 78-77 lead.

Gortat guarded Davis most of the night, and felt he did a good job despite the 30 points.

"He can score in so many different ways. We have to make sure we have to stop him inside and outside," Gortat said. "It's fun when you're scoring and scoring against one of the best defenders in the league. It's a lot of fun. I believe I should do this every day."

Paul Pierce hit a layup and a three-pointer to give Washington an 81-77 lead with 2:13 to play.

Cavaliers 109, Pacers 97: Kevin Love scored a season-high 28 points, Kyrie Irving added 24 and host Cleveland beat Indiana.

LeBron James added 19 points as Cleveland won its third straight game after losing four in a row and moved its record to 8-7. The Cavaliers have won the three games by an average of 23.3 points.

Who, who came into the game averaging 16.5 points, scored 16 in the first quarter. He made his first five shots, including two three-pointers.

Mavericks 110, 76ers 103: Tyson Chandler had 20 points and 13 rebounds to help Dallas send Philadelphia to a franchise-record 16th straight loss to start



ALEX BRANDON/AP

Wizards forward Kris Humphries fouls Pelicans forward Anthony Davis on Saturday. Davis scored 30 points but the Wizards won.

the season. Michael Carter-Williams had a triple-double with 18 points, 16 assists and 10 rebounds for the 76ers, who eclipsed the 1972-73 club that began 0-15 on the way to setting an 82-game NBA record for fewest victories at 9-73.

Hawks 105, Hornets 75: Paul Millsap scored 18 points, Mike Scott added 14 and host Atlanta handed Charlotte a ninth straight loss. Al Jefferson was the only Hornet in double figures before reserve guard P.J. Hairston scored his 10th point early in the fourth.

Clippers 112, Jazz 96: Blake Griffin scored 28 points and Chris Paul added 17 points and 10 assists to help visiting Los Angeles post its fourth straight win.

Jamal Crawford tallied 22 points and DeAndre Jordan grabbed 12 rebounds as the Clippers (11-5) closed a seven-game trip that covered over 7,200 miles with a 6-1 record.

Gordon Hayward scored 30 points and Derrick Favors had 19 for the Jazz (5-12), who have lost a season-high five games in a row.

Rockets 117, Bucks 103: At Milwaukee, James Harden scored 19 of his game-high-34 points in the decisive third quarter for the Bucks.

Rookie Jabari Parker scored 19 points and Ersan Ilyasova added 18 for Milwaukee, which had its three-game winning streak snapped.

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FCS playoffs roundup

Zenner runs for 5 TDs to lead S. Dakota State

The Associated Press

BOZEMAN, Mont. — Zach Zenner rushed for 252 yards in light snow and scored a career-best five touchdowns as South Dakota State produced a 47-40 win against Montana State in the opener of the FCS playoffs on Saturday.

The Jackrabbits will face No. 2 seed and three-time defending national champion North Dakota State Dec. 6 in Fargo, North Dakota.

Montana State (8-5) scored with 1:10 left and Dakota Prukop passed for the two-point conversion to make it 47-40. The Jackrabbits (9-4) fumbled the onside kick, but Connor Landberg recovered to save the game.

Zenner, a Walter Payton Award candidate, broke free for 45 yards and a TD on the second snap of the game, and added scoring runs of 7, 60 and 69 yards to go with a 69-yard TD catch from Austin Summer. Chad Newell rushed for five TDs for the Bobcats. Newell and Zenner swapped third-quarter TDs, the latter's 60-yarder putting SDSU up for good 31-26.

Liberty 26, James Madison 21: At Harrisonburg, Va., D.J. Abnar finished with two rushing touchdowns and Nicky Fualaan had the go-ahead score with 2:53 remaining to lift Liberty.

Vad Lee drove James Madison (9-4) to the Liberty 27 late, but his pass to Daniel Brown on fourth down was broken up by Kenny Scott.

Liberty will face sixth-seeded Villanova in the second round on Dec. 6.

North Iowa 44, Stephen F. Austin 10: At Cedar Falls, Iowa, David Johnson ran for 152 yards and three touchdowns, and had two receptions for 84 yards and a score, to lead Northern Iowa past Stephen F. Austin.

Northern Iowa (9-4), which handed Illinois State (10-1) its only loss, will play the Redbirds in the second round on Dec. 6.

Montana 52, San Diego 14: Jordan Johnson threw three first-half touchdowns passes as host the Grizzlies coasted.

Montana (9-4) plays at Big Sky rival

Eastern Washington next weekend.

The Grizzlies dominated San Diego (9-3) from the start, taking a 38-0 halftime lead and limiting the Toreros to one first down before the break.

Sam Houston State 21, SE Louisiana 17: At Huntsville, Texas, Sam Houston State's Michael Wade blocked a field goal attempt in the fourth quarter — leading to the go-ahead touchdown — and the Bearkats advanced to face Jacksonville State.

Wade blocked Ryan Adams' 46-yard attempt and the Bearkats drove 65 yards for Donavan Williams' second TD of the day, a 5-yard scamper.

Richmond 46, Morgan State 24: Michael Strauss threw four touchdowns passes — two to Reggie Diggs, who had 132 yards receiving — and host Richmond advanced to play seventh-seeded Coastal Carolina.

The Spiders scored 22 first-quarter points and led 29-10 on Diggs' second touchdown reception 20 seconds before halftime.

Indiana State 36, Eastern Kentucky 16: At Richmond, Ky., Mike Perish threw for 379 yards and three touchdowns as Indiana State rallied back and pulled away from Eastern Kentucky in the first round of the FCS playoffs.

The Sycamores (8-5) trailed 16-0, but stormed ahead with 36-straight points. Perish threw a 3-yard touchdown to Robert Tomyan Jr. right before halftime. Eric Heidorn kicked a 47-yard field goal, and Perish threw scoring passes to Kyani Harris and Gary Owens to surge ahead 24-16 in the third quarter.

Fordham 44, Sacred Heart 22: At New York, Mike Nebrich passed for 423 yards and four touchdowns and for the second-straight year Fordham defeated Sacred Heart in the first round of the FCS playoffs, rolling 44-22 on Saturday.

The Rams (11-1) will play at No. 1 seed New Hampshire next weekend, pulled away after the Pioneers (9-3) closed within 17-16 — the difference being a blocked PAT — late in the first half.



TROY WAYRYEN/AP

Oregon quarterback Marcus Mariota scores one of his two rushing touchdowns against Oregon State during the third quarter. Mariota also threw four TD passes.

Mariota's 6 TDs lift Ducks

By ANNE M. PETERSON

The Associated Press

CORVALLIS, Ore. — Marcus Mariota turned what could be his last Civil War game into a Heisman Trophy highlight reel.

The junior quarterback threw for 367 yards and four touchdowns, and also ran for two more scores, leading No. 3 Oregon to a 47-19 victory over Oregon State in the 118th meeting of the rivals Saturday night.

"That guy is just such a stud," Oregon coach Mark Helfrich said about Mariota. "It starts at the beginning of last week just in terms of his approach, which is infectious to everybody."

Oregon (11-1, 8-1 Pac-12), No. 2 in the College Football Playoff rankings, now prepares to face Arizona in the Pac-12 championship game on Friday at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara.

"We're just going to continue to approach it just like any other game," said Mariota, a junior who is likely to enter the NFL draft.

Freshman Royce Freeman rushed for

135 yards and also caught one of Mariota's touchdown passes. Fellow freshman Charles Nelson caught two TD passes and Byron Marshall had six catches for 131 yards and a score.

It was Oregon's seventh straight win overall and seventh in the series against the Beavers (5-7, 2-7), who lost six of their last seven games and failed to become bowl eligible.

Oregon State's Sean Mannion ends his college career as the Pac-12's career leader in passing yards with 13,600 and the school record holder with 83 touchdown passes.

Mannion threw for 162 yards and a 20-yard touchdown to Hunter Jarmon in the third quarter.

Arizona (10-2, 7-2) clinched a spot in the championship game on Friday, when UCLA fell to Stanford and the Wildcats (10-2, 7-2) defeated Arizona State 42-35. Oregon's lone loss this season came to Arizona at Autzen Stadium back on Oct. 2.

Should the Ducks get revenge on Arizona on Friday, they'll be one of the four teams headed to the first college football playoffs.



TIM SHARP/AP

Baylor quarterback Seth Russell runs past Texas Tech defender Gary Moore during the second half on Saturday.

Baylor holds on; QB, playoff chances hurt

By STEPHEN HAWKINS

The Associated Press

ARLINGTON, Texas — Everything was kind of blurry when Baylor quarterback Bryce Petty first opened his eyes.

After taking a high hit and being diagnosed with a mild concussion midway through the third quarter, all Petty could do was watch from the sideline as the fifth-ranked Bears held on for a 48-46 victory over Texas Tech on Saturday that made only one thing clear for the playoff contenders.

"It was a little too exciting," Petty said. The Bears (10-1, 7-1 Big 12, No. 7 CFP) are guaranteed at least a share of their second consecutive conference title if they win their regular-season finale at home against No. 11 Kansas State (9-2, 7-1) next Saturday.

As for their playoff chances after losing nearly all of a 25-point lead against a losing team, the answer is far more uncertain. "We've got to beat Kansas State. It's hard to repeat as champions," coach Art Briles

said. "If you do it, that hat you're wearing needs to have a feather."

While there will be some changes in the new College Football Playoff rankings Tuesday night after No. 4 Mississippi State's loss, Baylor was already two spots behind another Big 12 co-leader in TCU. The Horned Frogs are coming off an impressive 48-10 Thanksgiving night romp at Texas.

Patrick Mahomes set a Big 12 freshman record with his 598 yards on 30-for-56 passing that included six touchdowns for the Red Raiders (4-8, 2-7), the last a 40-yarder to Bradley Marquez with 1:42 left. He was under heavy pressure and sacked on the two-point try.

Texas Tech then tried an onside kick that was recovered by Shock Linwood, who ran for 156 yards and two touchdowns to give the Bears a 1,000-yard rusher for the fifth consecutive season.

Petty, who was 18-for-25 passing for 210 yards and two touchdowns, was hurt after being hit by linebacker Sam Eguavoen, who was penalized for a personal foul.

Petty remained down for several minutes before getting up and walking slowly to the sideline and then going to the locker room.

"I feel good. ... On the field, it was a little muddy there. It's a new day and age now, where I guess they get upset about a few fingers and blurred vision," said Petty, adding he'll definitely play against K-State. "Just a little dinger, I'll be all right."

Seth Russell took over for Petty, and six plays later threw a 27-yard touchdown pass to Levi Norwood to make it 42-17. Russell, who started when Petty had a back injury early in the season, was 8 of 17 for 82 yards and ran seven times for 29 yards.

The teams then traded field goals before Texas Tech scored 20 unanswered points on three TD passes of at least 40 yards by Mahomes.

"I'm not sure if it was a game or a war, quite honestly," Briles said. "A desperate man is a dangerous man, and we were dealing with a desperate man tonight. ... We got a big win on a big stage. And we set ourselves up to have a chance next weekend to do something pretty special."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 14 Badgers beat Minnesota



ANDY MANIS/AP

Wisconsin's Robert Wheelwright, left, celebrates with Matt Austin (46) and Derek Watt during Wisconsin's 34-24 win over Minnesota on Saturday in Madison, Wis.

Wisconsin comes back from two-score deficit to claim Big Ten West

BY GENARO C. ARMAS

The Associated Press

MADISON, Wis. — With Paul Bunyan's Axe back in his team's possession for another year, Melvin Gordon jumped for joy in the locker room after a victory over a bitter Big Ten rival.

A Wisconsin win Saturday night to claim a berth in next week's league championship game sure made it easier for Gordon to withstand any pain from a sore right ankle.

Gordon ran for 151 yards and accounted for two scores, Joel Stave threw for 215 yards and two touchdown passes and the 14th-ranked Badgers rallied from a two-touchdown deficit to beat No. 22 Minnesota 34-24 to take the West Division title.

"Melvin, he looked great. He was jumping around pretty good there in the locker room," coach Gary Andersen said. "He should be just fine."

Next stop: Lucas Oil Stadium in Indianapolis next week to play Ohio State for the Big Ten title.

It was not easy. Physical Minnesota (8-4, 5-3) let a 17-3 lead early in the second quarter slip away. David Cobb ran for 118 yards on 25 carries, including a 40-yard score.

Stave's 17-yard touchdown pass to Robert Wheelwright with 4:41 left in the game gave the Badgers (10-2, 7-1) a 10-point lead, and Wisconsin's defense held them there.

"We'll bounce back but there aren't any of (us) happy about the axe," Minnesota coach Jerry Kill said.

Wisconsin (10-2, 7-1) completed another rally from an early hole. Just two weeks ago, the Badgers fell behind early to Nebraska before storming back for a big victory.

"Wow, so proud of the kids when adversity strikes just like they have all year long," Andersen said.

Ohio State tops Michigan, loses QB Barrett

BY RUSTY MILLER

The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Raw emotion was everywhere: Joy for a win, concern over an injury, shock for a missing player.

The thrill of beating rival Michigan 42-28 on Saturday was tempered for No. 7 Ohio State by star quarterback J.T. Barrett's broken ankle and the disappearance of teammate Kosta Karageorge.

"A lot (is) going on," Buckeyes coach Urban Meyer said. "A lot (is) going on."

The rivalry known around these parts as "The Game" became almost a subplot to the larger issues involving both teams.

Michigan coach Brady Hoke's job status has been in question as the Wolverines (5-7, 3-5 Big Ten) have sagged since his 11-2 start at Michigan in 2011. The Wolverines have gone 8-5, 7-6 and 5-7 to give him a 31-20 record.

With no postseason, interim AD Jim Hackett will make the call on Hoke's status.

Ezekiel Elliott scored untouched on a 44-yard run on fourth-and-1 with 4:58 left to help Ohio State (11-1, 8-0, CFP No. 6) pad its lead after losing Barrett on the first play of the fourth quarter. Linebacker Darron Lee then returned a fumble 33 yards for a score a minute later to put the game out of reach. Barrett threw for one TD and ran for two before his right leg crumpled underneath



JAY LAPRETTE/AP

Michigan quarterback Devin Gardner, kneeling, holds Ohio State quarterback J.T. Barrett's hand as Barrett is attended to by medical personnel during the fourth quarter Saturday's game in Columbus, Ohio. Barrett will miss the remainder of the season with a broken right ankle.

him when he was tackled on a run.

Barrett will undergo surgery on Sunday and will be lost for the remainder of the season. He will miss when the East Division champion Buckeyes play either Minnesota or Wisconsin in next week's Big Ten title game in Indianapolis.

Michigan quarterback Devin Gardner was among those who came up to say words of encouragement to Barrett.

"You hate to see any player get hurt, especially a guy like him," said Gardner, who completed 22 of 32 passes for 233 yards and two touchdowns with an interception. "A great guy, a hard worker. A guy who was called upon and he's executed and done it humbly."

Barrett, a Heisman Trophy contender, completed 13 of 21 passes for 176 yards and a touchdown and also ran for scores of 25 and 2 yards while gaining 89 yards on 15 carries.

In the wake of the defeat, there was also plenty of emotion in the Michigan locker room.

Asked about his future with the Wolverines, Hoke remained resolute and said that he was still the head coach and would remain so.

"What I know is I'm going to be the football coach at Michigan," he said. "That's what I know right now."



PHELAN M. EBENHACK/AP

Florida State defensive tackle Eddie Goldman celebrates after Florida place kicker Austin Hardin missed a field goal attempt during the fourth quarter of Saturday's game in Tallahassee, Fla. Florida State won 24-19.

No. 1 FSU rallies past rival Florida

BY KAREEM COPELAND

The Associated Press

TALLAHASSEE, Fla. — Top-ranked Florida State was again far from perfect. And still ended up with another flawless record.

Seemingly playing with fire game after game, the Seminoles rallied for a 24-19 victory over rival Florida in Will Muschamp's final game as the Gators' coach.

Jameis Winston played like a turnover machine before leading the defending national champions to their 28th straight victory and consecutive undefeated regular seasons for the first time in school history. Florida State is the 16th team to accomplish the feat since 1950.

"I made a few mistakes that hurt us, but it's a family here," Winston said. "Defense had my back, offensive had my back, offensive line did a great job and, wow, Dalvin Cook did it again."

Cook ran for a career-high 144 yards for the Seminoles (12-0, No. 3 CFP). They will face Georgia Tech in the Atlantic Coast Conference championship game Dec. 6.

"First time in school history we ever went back-to-back undefeated regular seasons," Florida State coach Jimbo Fisher said. "With all the great teams [that have been here], that shows how hard that is to do. ... That just doesn't happen. It's a true testament to our players and assistant coaches, what they're doing."

Winston threw a career-high four interceptions, including three in the first quarter. He finished 12 of 24 for 125 yards and two touchdowns. Tight end Nick O'Leary had two second-quarter touchdown catches to give Florida State a 21-9 lead.

"It goes out there and something good happens, he lets it go," O'Leary said. "Something bad happens, he lets it go. Just does everything the same and moves on and keeps playing his best."

The Gators (6-5) jumped out to a 9-0 lead, but the offense struggled. Treon Harris threw for 169 yards with a touchdown and two interceptions. After the game, Muschamp walked off the field for the final time as Florida coach arm in arm with his wife.

"We had our opportunities to get it done and we didn't get it done," Muschamp said. "It falls on my shoulders and that's why they're looking for a new coach. I'm just a guy that did it the right way. I'll hold my head up. We just didn't win enough games."

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Saturday's stars

- Marcus Mariota, Oregon, threw for 367 yards and four TDs, and ran for 39 yards and two more scores to lead the third-ranked Ducks to a 47-19 victory over Oregon State in the 118th Civil War game.
- Amari Cooper, Alabama, tied his own school record with 224 yards receiving and caught three TD passes in the No. 2 Clemson Tide's 55-44 comeback victory over No. 15 Auburn.
- Cody Kessler, USC, passed for 372 yards and six TDs in a 49-14 victory over Notre Dame.
- Jordan Howard, UAB, set a school record with 262 yards rushing on 35 carries in a 45-24 win over Southern Miss.
- Patrick Mahomes, Texas Tech, set a Big 12 freshman record with 598 yards passing and threw for six TDs in a 48-46 loss to No. 5 Baylor.
- Donnel Pumphrey, San Diego State, rushed for 267 yards and three TDs to lead the Aztecs over San Jose State 38-7.
- Melvin Gordon, Wisconsin, ran for 151 yards and accounted for two scores, helping the 14th-ranked Badgers beat No. 22 Minnesota 34-24.
- Christian Stewart, BYU, threw for 433 yards and five TDs in a 42-35 win over California.
- Zach Zenner, South Dakota State, rushed for 252 yards and scored a career-best five TDs in a 47-40 victory against Montana State in the opener of the FCS playoffs.
- Gary Nova, Rutgers, threw for 347 yards and 4 TDs in a 41-38 win over Maryland.



KELLY GORHAM/AP

In this photo provided by Montana State University, South Dakota State running back Zach Zenner scores a touchdown during a Football Championship Subdivision playoff game Saturday in Bozeman, Mont. Zenner rushed for a career-best five TDs in a 47-40 win.

How the AP Top 25 fared

- 1 Florida State (12-0) beat Florida 24-19.** At Tallahassee, Fla., Dalvin Cook ran for a career-high 144 yards and Florida State survived Jameis Winston's struggles to beat Florida in Will Muschamp's final game as the Gators' coach.
- Next:** vs. No. 16 Georgia Tech, ACC championship, Saturday.
- 2 Alabama (11-1) beat No. 15 Auburn 55-44.** At Tuscaloosa, Ala., Amari Cooper tied his own school record with 224 yards receiving and caught three touchdown passes in Alabama's comeback victory in the highest-scoring Iron Bowl.
- Next:** vs. No. 17 Missouri, SEC championship, Saturday.
- 3 Oregon (11-1) beat Oregon State 47-19.** At Corvallis, Ore., Marcus Mariota threw for 367 yards and four touchdowns and ran for 39 yards and two more scores to lead the Ducks in the 118th Civil War game. Freshman Treveon Boykin ran for 135 yards and also caught one TD pass.
- Next:** vs. No. 12 Arizona, Pac-12 championship, Friday.
- 4 Mississippi State (10-2) lost to No. 18 Mississippi 31-17.** At Oxford, Miss. Dak Prescott threw for 282 yards and a touchdown. It's the first time both teams came into the Egg Bowl ranked since 1999.
- Next:** TBD.
- 5 Baylor (10-1) beat Texas Tech 48-46.** At Arlington, Texas, Bryce Petty threw for 210 yards and two touchdowns before getting knocked out of the game with a concussion and playoff hopeful Baylor held off Texas Tech. Shock Linwood ran for 158 yards and two touchdowns for the Bears, who are guaranteed at least a share of their second consecutive conference title if they win at home next week.
- Next:** vs. No. 11 Kansas State, Saturday.

- 6 TCU (10-1) beat Texas 48-10, Thursday.** At Austin, Texas, Trevone Boykin passed for two touchdowns and ran for another, and TCU's defense dominated the Longhorns and quarterback Tyrone Swoopes, sending Texas to one of the worst home losses in program history.
- Next:** vs. Iowa St., Saturday, Dec. 6.
- 7 Ohio State (11-1) beat Michigan 42-28.** At Columbus, Ohio, Ezekiel Elliott scored untouched on a 44-yard run on fourth-and-1 with 4:58 left to help Ohio State — without injured star quarterback J.T. Barrett, who broke his right ankle — to the win.
- Next:** vs. No. 14 Wisconsin, Big Ten championship, Saturday.
- 8 Georgia (9-3) lost to No. 16 Georgia Tech 30-24 OT.** At Athens, Ga., Harrison Butker kicked a career-long 53-yard field goal on the final play of regulation, and D.J. White picked off a pass in overtime to preserve Georgia Tech's victory.
- Next:** TBD.
- 9 UCLA (9-3) lost to Stanford 31-10 Friday.** At Pasadena, Calif., Kevin Hogan passed for 234 yards and two touchdowns, and Stanford crushed UCLA's hopes for the Pac-12 South division title and a College Football Playoff spot.
- Next:** TBD.
- 10 Michigan State (10-2) beat Penn State 34-10.** At State College, Pa., R.J. Shelton returned the opening kickoff 90 yards for a touchdown and Jeremy Langford ran for 118 yards and two scores. The Spartans (CFP No. 10) won their third straight game and hit the double-digit win mark for the fourth time in the last five seasons under coach Mark Dantonio. The Spartans have four of their six 10-plus win seasons in school history under Dantonio.
- Next:** TBD.

- 11 Kansas State (9-2) beat Kansas 51-13.** At Manhattan, Kan., Jake Waters threw for 294 yards and four touchdowns, two of them to record-setting wide receiver Tyler Lockett, and Kansas State moved into a tie atop the Big 12 standings. Lockett caught nine passes for 119 yards, passing father Kevin Lockett for the school record in career catches with 222.
- Next:** vs. No. 5 Baylor, Saturday.
- 12 Arizona (10-2) beat No. 13 Arizona State 42-35 Friday.** At Tucson, Ariz., Nick Wilson ran for 178 yards and three touchdowns and No. 12 Arizona held off No. 13 Arizona State on Friday to claim the Pac-12 South title.
- Next:** Next vs. No. 3 Oregon, Pac-12 championship, Friday.
- 13 Arizona State (9-3) lost to No. 12 Arizona 42-35 Friday.** The Sun Devils offense had a turnover that led to a score on its first drive, another to set up Arizona with a short field for a touchdown and couldn't punch it in with four tries inside Arizona's 3ASU's defense was hit with two long scoring plays and wasn't able to consistently stop the Wildcats.
- Next:** TBD.
- 14 Wisconsin (10-2) beat No. 22 Minnesota 34-24.** At Madison, Wis., Melvin Gordon ran for 151 yards and accounted for two scores, and Wisconsin overcame a two-touchdown deficit to earn a spot in the Big Ten championship game.
- Next:** vs. No. 7 Ohio State, Big Ten championship, Saturday.
- 15 Auburn (8-4) lost to No. 2 Alabama 55-44.** Auburn surged ahead 36-27 before losing its third straight SEC game in a season that once also carried playoff hopes. Nick Marshall had 456 yards passing; 206 to Sammie Coates.
- Next:** TBA.

- 16 Georgia Tech (10-2) beat No. 8 Georgia 30-24 OT.** Georgia Tech trailed 24-21 after Hutson Mason threw a 3-yard touchdown pass to Malcolm Mitchell on fourth down with 18 seconds left. But the Yellow Jackets wound up with good field position after a squib kickoff. Justin Thomas scrambled 21 yards into field goal range, and Butler's kick barely cleared the crossbar.
- Next:** vs. No. 1 Florida State, ACC championship, Saturday.
- 17 Missouri (10-2) beat Arkansas 21-14 Friday.** Marcus Murphy scored the go-ahead touchdown on a 12-yard run with 4:38 remaining and Markus Golden recovered a fumble to seal Missouri's victory and send the Tigers to the SEC championship game for the second straight season.
- Next:** vs. No. 2 Alabama, SEC championship, Saturday.
- 18 Mississippi (9-3) beat No. 4 Mississippi State 31-17.** Jaylen Walton had a 91-yard touchdown run and running back Jordan Wilkins threw a 31-yard scoring pass to lead Mississippi past Mississippi State in the Egg Bowl. Bo Wallace threw for 296 yards despite completing just 13 of 30 passes.
- Next:** TBD.
- 19 Marshall (11-1) lost to Western Kentucky 67-66, OT.** Friday. Raekwon Cato threw a school-record seven touchdown passes but also had four interceptions. All four of the picks led to Western Kentucky touchdowns.
- Next:** vs. Louisiana Tech, Conference USA championship, Saturday, Dec. 6.
- 20 Oklahoma (8-3) did not play.** Freshman running back Samaje Perine had had 427 rushing yards last week against Kansas, the most in NCAA history.
- Next:** vs. Oklahoma State, Saturday.

- 21 Colorado State (10-2) lost to Air Force 27-24 Friday.** Air Force turned a stop in the final minute into Will Conant's 39-yard field goal as time expired and the Falcons snapped the Rams' nine-game winning streak. The loss also ended any chance of the Rams representing the Mountain Division in the league's title game.
- Next:** TBD.
- 22 Minnesota (8-4) lost to No. 14 Wisconsin 34-24.** Minnesota let a 17-3 lead early in the second quarter slip away. David Cobb ran for 118 yards on 25 carries, including a 40-yard score.
- Next:** TBA.
- 23 Clemson (9-3) beat South Carolina 35-17.** At Clemson, S.C., Artavis Scott had two long touchdown catches, Wayne Gallman ran for 191 yards and Clemson ended a five-game losing streak to rival South Carolina. The Tigers hadn't beaten the Gamecocks since 2008.
- Next:** TBA.
- 24 Louisville (9-3) beat Kentucky 44-40.** At Louisville, Ky., Brandon Radcliff ran 4 yards for a touchdown with 2:47 remaining and safety Gerod Holliman had an NCAA record-tying 14th interception with 35 seconds left.
- Next:** TBA.
- 25 Boise State (10-2) beat Utah State 50-19.** At Boise, Idaho, Jay Ajayi ran for a career-high 229 yards and five touchdowns, and Boise State rolled past Utah State and secured a spot in the Mountain West title game. Utah State (9-4, 6-2) dropped its first November road game since 2009 and failed to return to the conference title after representing the Mountain Division last year.
- Next:** vs. Fresno State, Mountain West championship, Saturday.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

No. 18 Rebels knock off No. 4 Bulldogs

Playoff hopes dim for Mississippi St.

By DAVID BRANDT

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OXFORD, Miss. — Mississippi State lost its outside chance at a Southeastern Conference championship on Saturday.

The Bulldogs also lost essentially any hope of advancing to the inaugural four-team College Football playoff.

But for coach Dan Mullen, the most painful realization is that his team no longer is in possession of the Egg Bowl trophy.

No. 18 Mississippi beat No. 4 Mississippi State 31-17, using the unlikely duo of Jordan Wilkins and Jaylen Walton for a convincing victory in the bitter in-state rivalry.

"This is as tough as it gets," Mullen said. "I do not care about the stakes. This game is for bragging rights in the state. It is the most important game we play. So it is obviously a devastating loss because of that."

Ole Miss (9-3, 5-3 Southeastern Conference) led 7-3 at halftime before its offense got going in the second half and finished with 532 yards to come to timely big plays and creative play-calling by coach Hugh Freeze. It's the 10th time in 11 seasons the home team has won the Egg Bowl.

"I was willing to throw everything we had at them," Freeze said. "And we had some more if we needed it."

The most surprising moment came when Wilkins, a freshman running back, took a pitch from Bo Wallace and then threw a perfect 31-yard touchdown pass to Cody Core that gave the Rebels a 31-17 lead with 9:14 remaining. It proved to be an insurmountable margin for Mississippi State.

It was just the second throw of Wilkins'

career.

Walton had a 91-yard touchdown run and had a career-high 148 yards rushing on 14 carries.

Wallace threw for 296 yards despite completing just 13 of 30 passes. He sprained his ankle in last week's loss to Arkansas and wasn't moving very well on Saturday. But he made enough plays to help the Rebels win the Egg Bowl for the second time in his three seasons as the starter.

"I knew this game would define my legacy," Wallace said. "I had to win this game to be remembered like I want. ... I hope they'll remember as a guy who gave his all every single game and won a lot of games." "It wasn't about us spoiling the year for them as much as reclaiming what we think is ours," Freeze said. "(Mississippi State) had a good season in a great league."

The loss by Mississippi State (10-2, 6-2, No. 4 CFP) means Alabama clinched the SEC Western Division. Dak Prescott threw for 282 yards and a touchdown.

It's the first time both teams came into the Egg Bowl ranked since 1999.

De'Runnya Wilson caught eight passes for 117 yards and Fred Ross added six catches for 103 yards, but the Bulldogs were undone by an aggressive Ole Miss offense that wasn't afraid to take chances.

Mullen said there was "plenty of blame to go around," but saved the brunt of his criticism for the defense.

Walton finished with a career-high 148 yards rushing on just 14 carries. Ole Miss tight end Evan Engram caught five passes for 176 yards.



BRUCE NEWMAN, OXFORD EAGLE/AP

Mississippi running back Jaylen Walton scores on a 91-yard run against Mississippi State in Oxford, Miss. on Saturday. Mississippi won 31-17.

Stiff: WR Cooper burns Auburn secondary for three TDs

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Auburn (8-4, 4-4) surged ahead 36-27 before losing its third straight SEC game in a season that once also carried playoff hopes. Five times the Tigers settled for Daniel Carlson's field goals after getting turned away near the end zone.

"Name of the game was we got in the red zone and had to kick field goals," Tigers coach Gus Malzahn said.

Sims passed for 312 yards and four touchdowns but threw three interceptions. Auburn's Nick Marshall had a school-record 456 yards passing, 206 to Sammie Coates. His 505 total yards also was a school mark.

Alabama's trip to Atlanta was sealed about 30 minutes before kickoff when Mississippi knocked off No. 4 Mississippi State, 31-17. Tide offensive lineman Austin Shepherd said he neckled at the scoreboard for the outcome.

"I didn't really think much of it," Shepherd said. "It was all about this game."

The playoff positioning came into question after a slow start, but the Tide offense succeeded where the defense failed.

The rivalry that preceded last season's most memorable play — Auburn's 109-yard return of



BURCH DILL/AP

Alabama defensive back Nick Perry, right, breaks up a pass to Auburn wide receiver D'haquille Williams as Alabama defensive back Landon Collins, left, looks on during the second half of the Iron Bowl on Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala. Alabama won 55-44.

a missed field goal on the final play — this time turned into a shootout.

"I can't lie. Everybody thought about last year," Alabama linebacker Trey DePriest said.

This one showcased Sims-to-Cooper and Marshall-to-Coates

with plenty of runs as well.

Auburn gained 630 yards against the SEC's top defense. Lane Kiffin's Alabama offense racked up 539 yards as the game also set an Iron Bowl standard for combined yardage.

The previous high score in

the Iron Bowl came in 1969, a 49-26 Auburn victory. This one trounced that total.

"We haven't played a lot of games where we give up 44 points and win," Tide coach Nick Saban said. "That's not really our style."

Cooper, who had 13 catches, gained 141 yards in the third quarter alone.

Asked if he thinks the performance secured him an invite to the Heisman ceremony, Cooper responded: "Hopefully."

"We're relentless," he said. "We don't want to lose. I guess you can say we'll win by any means."

Coates scored on touchdowns of 34 and 68 yards on five catches for Auburn. Teammate D'haquille Williams, who had missed the past two games with a knee injury, gained 121 yards on seven catches. Not finishing drives "hurt us bigtime," Coates said. "We never gave up," he said. "We just kept fighting the whole time."

Alabama's T.J. Yeldon ran for 127 yards and a pair of scores. The SEC's top rushing defense made it hard going for the No. 1 rusher, holding Auburn's Cameron Artis-Payne to 77 yards on 25 runs.

The Tide had backup quarterback Jake Coker warming up after Sims' third interception. He wasn't needed.

Sims overcame his uncharacteristic mistakes to start the comeback with the 75-yarder to a streaking Cooper when Auburn pushed its lead to nine. The Tide quarterback then pulled a Marshall-like play, scampering for an 11-yard touchdown run and converting the 2-point play to take the lead for good.

Sims took Alabama right back downhill after a defensive stop. He hit DeAndrew White for a 6-yard score, but was stopped short on the 2-point try. He also converted on fourth-and-3 to set up another touchdown.

Marshall and Coates answered with a 53-yard connection to put Auburn in position to score again. Nick Perry brought Marcus Davis down a yard shy on fourth-and-8 deep in Tide territory to effectively end the threat. Perry also had a big interception in the third quarter.

The Tigers had scored 10 points in the final 54 seconds of the first half for a 26-21 lead. It prompted Saban to proclaim: "That's about as bad a half of football as we've played all year."

He said his halftime message to his players was that this was a gut-check: "I believe in you. I think we can win. I think we will win if everybody makes a commitment to giving their best in the second half."

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BRYNN ANDERSON/AP

Alabama wide receiver Amari Cooper stiff-arms Auburn defensive back Joe Turner during the second half of the Iron Bowl on Saturday in Tuscaloosa, Ala.

Stiff challenge

No. 2 Bama holds off No. 15 Auburn

By JOHN ZENOR
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TUSCALOOSA, Ala. — Alabama survived an Iron Bowl shootout like no other with a well-tested formula: Throw deep to Amari Cooper. Then do it again.

Cooper tied his own school record with

224 yards receiving and caught three touchdown passes in the second-ranked Crimson Tide's 55-44 comeback victory over No. 15 Auburn on Saturday night in the highest-scoring Iron Bowl.

Quarterback Blake Sims and the Crimson Tide (11-1, 7-1 Southeastern Conference) turned to the Heisman Tro-

phy contender for touchdown strikes of 39 and 75 yards in the third quarter. No last-second dramatics would settle this one.

"[Cooper] ran a great route on both of them," Sims said. "I just put the ball where it needed to be and he went and got it and did the rest."

Alabama had already clinched a spot in the SEC championship game against No. 17 Missouri, and the top team in the College Football Playoff rankings scored 28 consecutive points heading into the final seconds.

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